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ANYBODY who has vacationed down South in the wintertime knows that one gets his watch back on the day promised, UNLESS the repairman is out fishin'. And the fruit purchased for friends moves North as scheduled, IF the boys aren't out fishin'.

Whether or not we actually go fishing, August is the time to have the out-fishin' spirit in this part of the States. It is a good tonic for us to take now.

OUT FISHIN'

A feller isn't thinkin' mean,
Out fishin';
His thoughts are mostly good an' clean,
Out fishin'.
He doesn't knock his fellow men,
Or harbor any grudges then;
A feller's at his finest when
Out fishin'.

The rich are comrades to the poor,
Out fishin';
All brothers of a common lure,
Out fishin'.
The urchin with the pin an' string
Can chum with millionaire an' king;
Vain pride is a forgotten thing,
Out fishin'.

A feller gits a chance to dream,
Out fishin';
He learns the beauties of a stream,
Out fishin';
An' he can wash his soul in air
That isn't foul with selfish care,
An' relish plain and simple fare,
Out fishin'.

A feller has no time fer hate,
Out fishin';
He isn't eager to be great,
Out fishin'.
He isn't thinkin' thoughts of pelf,
Or goods stacked high upon a shelf,
But he is always just himself,
Out fishin'.

A feller's glad to be a friend,
Out fishin';
A helpin' hand he'll always lend,
Out fishin'.
The brotherhood of rod an' line
An' sky and stream is always fine;
Men come real close to God's design,
Out fishin'.

A feller isn't plotting schemes,
Out fishin';
He's only busy with his dreams,
Out fishin'.
His livery is a coat of tan,
His creed—to do the best he can;
A feller's always mostly man,
Out fishin'.

—Edgar A. Guest

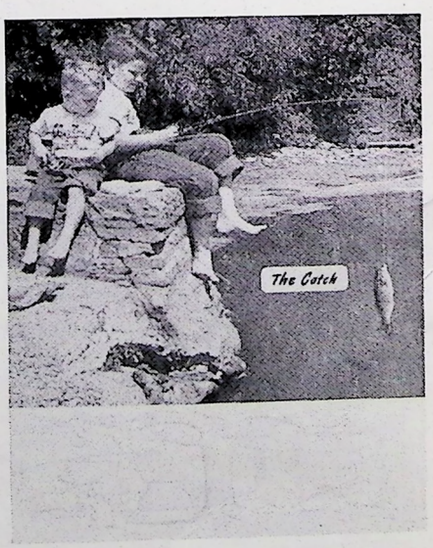
OUR MAGAZINE COVER

On one of July's many "June" days, two young East Ohioans were caught fishing in Cleveland's Metropolitan Park. They are Kevin Thomas (10) and Barry Edward (3), the sons of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. (better known as Jerry and Barbara) McDonald, 2057 Lincoln Avenue, Lakewood. Jerry McDonald is the Assistant Supervisor of Domestic Sales, New Business Department, Cleveland.

These two Waltonians had all the fishing equipment needed—rod, reel, line, hooks, baits, and a net fish bag in which to bring home the fish.

Kevin had just taken a minnow from the jar and was absorbed in baiting his hook properly when brother Barry asked, "What's *that* for?" Kevin did not hear the question, but Barry received the answer a short time later when Kevin was rewarded for patience with a 13-inch Black Bass.

Barry maintains that the best part of goin' fishin' is the lunch. He saw to it that all the sandwiches were eaten before they started for home. And Kevin managed somehow to tote his catch for the day without assistance from fisherman Barry. "You have to do more than eat sandwiches to help me carry 'em, but you were good company though," Kevin said to Barry as they walked away. The little fellow's big smile indicated that it was all right with him.



FAMILY VACATION

Agreement and Disagreement

By DON E. BUCKLEY

Where? How? (the big questions)

When vacation time rolls around each year it presents to most of us not only the anticipated joy of relaxation and freedom from everyday cares, but also the perplexing problem of where to go and how to spend those precious hours. Will it be an extended motor trip out West over the picturesque Rockies, across the fascinating stretches of sandy desert, and through the forest wonderlands of our national parks? This suggestion usually meets dissension from one of the family — most generally an older member who dislikes riding five or six hundred miles a day with only limited time for stopovers and sight-seeing trips. To the dissenter such a trip is only a futile attempt to cram a twelve-state travelogue education into two or three very short weeks—perhaps the most fleeting weeks of the entire year. "And whoever said that driving across the desert was fun when the red in the thermometer reaches 110 degrees without even half trying?"

Maybe a short trip to a fashionable beach would be the answer. There the family might park and forget about the car during the two-week sojourn — or better still, leave the car at home and travel by train or bus. The swanky hotel on the beach would have adequate facilities to satisfy the vacation whims of all those who want to be treated like kings and queens on an international tour—breakfast on the sun deck . . . luncheon in the Palm Room . . . dinner in the spacious and stately Tudor Room glittering with glass and silver and steeped in the soft atmosphere of music. Horseback riding in the cool of the morning, a dip in the pool and a mint julep in the afternoon, and dancing under the stars in the evening, are part and parcel of a dream vacation spent at the ultra modern resort. Dad listens to all this before he goes on record with an emphatic "NO—all year long I work at the office where I have to be dressed like a clothing salesman —shirt and tie, shoes shined, and face scraped raw with a razor every morning to avoid five o'clock shadow. It's the country for us this year. How about two weeks down on Uncle Ned's farm?"

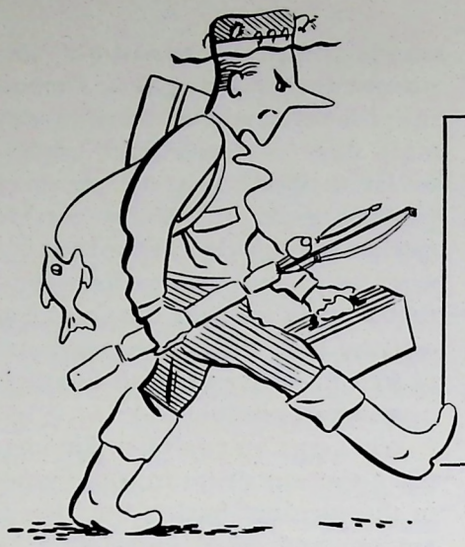
Selling the farm idea to the rest of the family is not always easily accomplished. Mother realizes that satisfying appetites on the farm requires lots of help in the kitchen and she certainly would be drafted for duty immediately upon arrival. The barns and chicken houses would lose their appeal to the youngsters in several days, and the old swimming hole couldn't replace the amusement park in town with its roller coaster, frozen custard, hot dogs, and *Tunnel of Love*. And, besides, Junior would miss his bubble gum from the corner store. No, Dad stands to be voted down on a vacation that, if approved, would have kept the moths confined in his wallet.

And so it goes among the many who plan the location and itinerary for the annual vacation. Seldom is everybody satisfied, but the majority rules and the gripes must fall whether they are justified or not. At least we all admit that anything different is a change.

For those who enjoy real fishing, the nod for a good vacation spot is given to Canada. The only catch is that, in order to appreciate fishing a little better than average, one must travel off the beaten paths to places less frequented by the many Isaac Waltons who travel in hordes from the States. A certain fisherman remarked that he was directed to a choice spot on a virgin lake, but in order to reach it he was forced to drive nine miles in low gear over a one-way, camel-back road. But his reward in mammoth bass was well worth the discomfort suffered in transit.

Perfect Harmony

Two East Ohio employees and their families in Youngstown are exceptions to the rule of family vacation disagreement. Members of the families of Andy Armstrong and Bill Bullock, clerks in the Youngstown Office, like their fishing where *real* fish are to be found, so the annual vacation period usually finds them up in the wilds of Canada. The rigors of camp life and the many little inconveniences associated with such a vacation har-



Selection and Use of the Fisherman's Equipment

By GEORGE KUNESH

Editor's Note

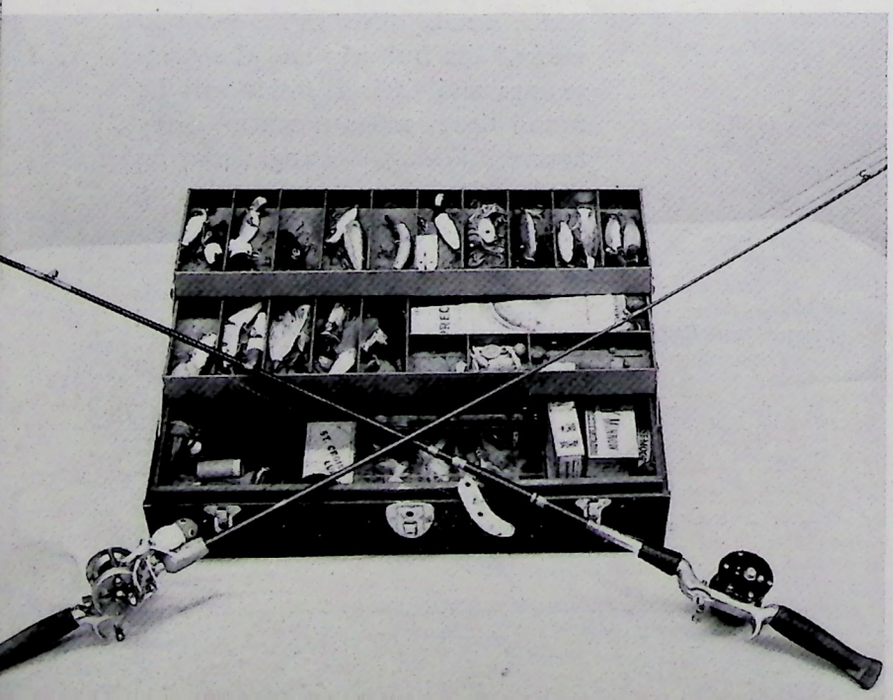
Like everyone at some time or other, the writer of this article had been in quest of a favorite recreation to hold his attention during leisure hours. After his baseball playing days were over, George Kunesh, an East Ohioan for thirty years (Treasurer's Department—General Financial) tried Golf, then Hunting, and finally became interested in Fishing. That was twenty-four years ago. For the past fifteen years he has concentrated on Tournament Casting. George Kunesh is, therefore, well qualified to cover the subject of "Selection and Use of the Fisherman's Equipment." His article follows:

Fundamentals of Bait Casting

With the tackle available today it is possible for a beginner to master the fundamentals of bait casting in a short time. The development of bait casting tackle has reached a stage which makes this possible.

The bait casting reels are equipped with "Anti-Back-Lash" devices which require no thumbing; the evolution of longer, lighter and livelier rods make casting easy and effortless; and lines have been reduced in diameter which, with other refinements, contribute to the fullest enjoyment of this sport. Nor can too much stress be placed on the importance of selecting the proper tackle.

First, let's consider the selection of the proper rod. This choice should be governed largely by the type of fish we are after. For Bass, Walleye Pike, Pickerel and other fish in this classification, a light or medium action rod will be satisfactory. For big Great Northern Pike and Muskellunge, medium to heavy action rods are more appropriate due to the tough bone construction of their mouths, to set the hook properly. The rod may be solid steel in 4½ or 5-foot lengths; tubular steel in 5 to 5-2/3 foot Fiber glass, spun glass or tubular glass in 5 to 6 feet in length. It is generally recognized that the 5½ and 6 feet lengths contribute to casting ease and accuracy.



Bait Casting—Plugs, spoons and buck-tail combinations such as these on the terminal of the bait caster's line, will attract the Bass, Muskies, and Great Northern Pike.

Next comes the selection of a reel. Your choice may be one of the Anti-Back-Lash reels, a straight level winding reel without the Anti-Back-Lash mechanism, or the newest in back-lash proof reels with spool control mechanism which eliminates thumbing. Most casting reels on the market today have the level wind device which winds the line evenly and smoothly on the spool.

The choice of line is next and is extremely important. For greatest ease in casting and maximum distance, you will want a small diameter hard braid line of the proper tensile strength to match the rod and lures you intend to use. For lures of approximately ½ to ⅝ ounce weight a 10 to 14 pound test line is ideal. For the heavier ¾ and 1 ounce lures an 18 pound test line is indicated. Hard braid waterproof lines will last longer than soft braid.

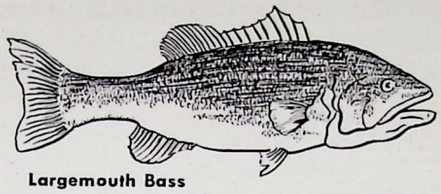
Now a selection of lures may be considered. If your fishing is to be mostly for Bass, Walleye Pike or Pickerel the ½ to ⅝ ounce lures should predominate your selection, while the ¾ to 1 ounce lures should be selected to tempt the big Great Northern Pike and Muskellunge if they are your quarry.

Assemble the rod and place and fasten the reel to the reel seat. If your reel does not have either a cork or plastic arbor, for best results it is essential to use 25 to 50 yards of low-priced line wound on the spool first as a filler and then add the 50 yards of hard braid silk or nylon line. When putting line on a reel be sure that it winds the

same way it comes off the spool. A pencil through the hole in the spool the line comes on will help put the line straight on the reel. This done, thread the line properly through the guides on the rod, make a loop in the end of the line to facilitate the attachment of a snap swivel or wire leader, then attach the lure or practice casting weight to the snap swivel or leader—and you're ready to cast.

Grasp the rod not too tightly with the reel handles up and thumb on the line. Incidentally, the anti-back-lash tension device should be adjusted so that, when the rod is held in this position and the thumb released, the lure will drop by its own weight at a rate of two or three feet a second. Also see that the click of the reel is off.

Now, work your wrist up and down a couple of times and make sure that you are not gripping the rod too tightly to allow a free wrist action. Keep your elbow close to your side, but not tensely. With the rod in front of your master eye, sight the target you have selected to cast at. Then bring the rod back smartly to perpendicular or slightly beyond, holding your thumb on the line to prevent it from running. The force of the back cast will flex the rod and bring out the action which is so important to a good forward cast. Now bring the rod forward with a snappy wrist action—considerably faster than the back cast—still holding the line until the rod tip has reached about "11 o'clock," then release the thumb from the spool and stop the rod abruptly—your lure will sail out toward your target — ride your thumb lightly on the spool to control the speed and prevent overrunning the line, unless your reel has the anti-back-lash device. An old rule here is, "Back fast—and forward twice as fast." As the lure lands, switch the rod from the right to the left hand and begin the retrieve. The cast just described is the "overhand" and will be used practically all the time, but occasionally an underhand (never a "side-swipe") cast will prove useful and this is fundamentally the same as the overhand cast, employing the use of the wrist and rod tip, but with the rod held horizontally at the side instead of vertically.



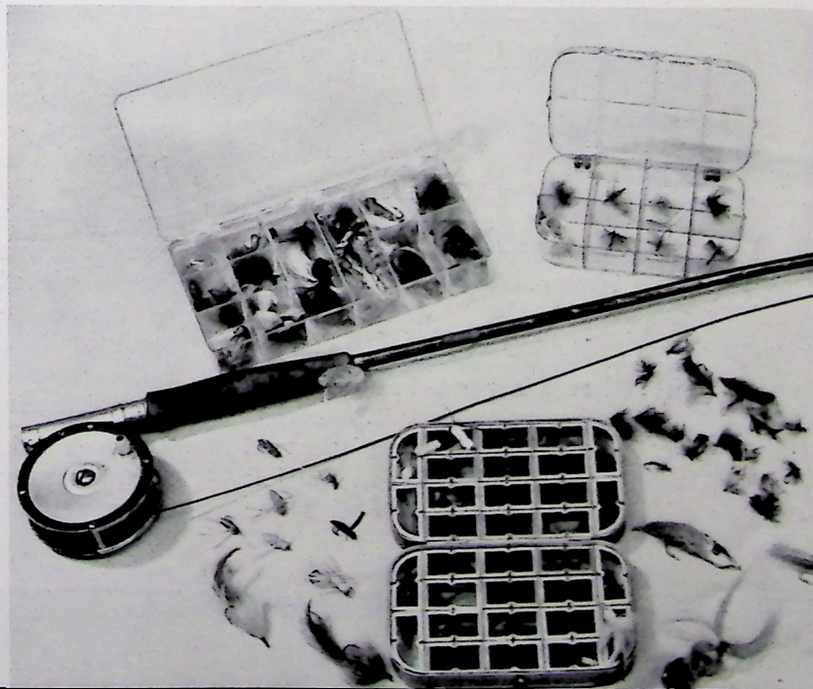
Largemouth Bass

Principles of Fly Casting

A practical fly rod for the beginner is 8½ or 9 feet in length. It may be made of split bamboo, tubular steel, tubular glass or spun glass fibres. On the fly rod the reel is seated below the hand-grasp or cork grip, whereas on the bait casting rod, the reel is above the hand-grasp. The reel is single action and of the narrow arbor type, as indicated in the illustration below, although some casters prefer the automatic type which helps in keeping the coils of line out of the way. Of greatest importance is the line, for it is the line and not the fly that is cast and, therefore, the line must match the rod.

In assembling the rod, always join the middle and tip sections first; then match the butt joint. Be sure that all the guides are in line. Next set the reel on the butt of the rod with the handle of reel on the right hand side and the guides and reel on the underside of the rod.

Let's assume the line has been wound on the reel. The line should be drawn through the first (or stripping) guide and follow through the remaining guides and tip of the rod. Strip off about 20 feet of line from the tip of the rod; now attach a leader to the end of the line and, for practice, an economical fly can be made from about 2 inches of pipe cleaner. Never cast the line only, as leader material is cheap and takes the abuse the terminal end is subjected to, especially when casting on a lawn. Now select a spot on the lawn, or water, where you have about 40 feet in front of you and the same distance behind, free from overhead obstructions. Take the line running from the reel to the tip and place it between the middle and the ring finger of your right hand and hold it against the grip, with the thumb on top of the grip pointing toward the tip and the fingers on the bottom we are ready to make the back-cast. An easy way to make the cast is to a slow count of 4. First, pull the line toward you until there is no slack and with the same motion raise the rod tip upward with the forearm, bringing the line lying in front of the caster upward and backward, and stop the rod sharply at "12 o'clock" before the right eye. This will give a high back cast, which is important. During the upward snap, the feel of the rod will exert a pressure against the two first fingers of the hand curled underneath the grip and a downward pressure exerted by the heel of the hand. At the count of 2 and 3 we pause to permit the line to straighten the loop. There is a slight tug on the rod tip when this happens. Now at the count of 4,



Fly Casting—A collection of feathered and buck-tail lures used to entice game fish.

bring the rod tip forward, starting slowly but accellerating until the tip is at about "10 o'clock." Stop the rod sharply; the line will flow out and the forward loop will straighten out, after which lower the rod tip to allow the fly to settle gently. Remember the count: (1)—back cast; (2)—the line moves up and back; (3)—loop is nearly straight; (4)—line is straight, and the forward cast begins instantly on the count of 4. It is important that you have a perfect back cast in order to get a perfect forward cast.

Now you are ready for the next cast. Let us assume that you want to extend more line out or make a longer cast. With the thumb and finger of the left hand, grasp the line between the reel and your right hand; strip about three feet from the reel and hold it until the forward cast has almost been completed. While the line is still alive, release the line from under the two first fingers. This will shoot out the loose line the extra distance. With a little practice and properly matched equipment a reasonably fair line may be laid. Try it!

A word about lines is in order. The beginner is prone to buy a line that is too light, whereas, a heavier line would prove easier to cast, provided it is not too heavy, overloading the rod.

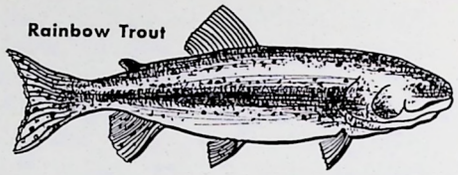
The selection of lures depends upon the species of fish you are after and what method you desire to use. Dry flies or surface bugs when the fish are feeding on top, and wet flies, spoons and small spinners or combinations of spinners and flies are all good when the feeding level is below the surface.

Spin-Casting

This method of fishing originated in Europe and the reels now in use are patterned after the invention of Holden Illingsworth, an Englishman.

In appearance, the reel resembles the coffee-mill, minus the glass jar, that hung on kitchen walls twenty-five years ago. The reel is set on the under side of the rod with the crank-handle on the left side. The cast is made with the right hand and the retrieve is made with the left hand turning the crank. At first, this cranking with the left hand seems a bit awkward, but after a little practice one becomes quite adept at it.

Spin-Casting is sometimes called "thread-line" fishing because of the light lines used especially for fresh water fish. The reel is the most important part of this outfit. In assembling a Spin-Casting outfit the best reel obtainable should be the choice, even at the expense of a cheaper or make-shift rod for the


Rainbow Trout

beginner. Spinning Reels have a stationary spool and back-lashes, the curse of the bait-caster, are unknown to the spin caster as the line, instead of unwinding from a rotating spool, "spins" over the rim of the fixed spool with a minimum of friction. Those who have not seen nor tried a spinning reel will wonder how such a free spinning line can be retrieved. How can a fish be hooked, played and landed with a reel from which the line runs so freely? Watch someone wind thread on a sewing spool and you will have an idea of how the spinning reel operates.

A spinning reel performs the same operation mechanically with the pick-up roller or automatic pick-up arm or bail attached to the shell surrounding the fixed spool. With the automatic pick-up arm equipped reels, the moment the crank is turned the shell starts to rotate and switches in the pick-up arm, which scoops up the free line and winds it around the stationary spool. With the reel equipped without the automatic pick-up arm, the line is picked with the forefinger of the caster hand and placed against the rod and the pick-up roller takes the line and winds it around the stationary spool.

Before making the next cast with the automatic pick-up, the pick-up is again swung out, the line held with the right index finger and, when the proper arc of the cast is reached, it is released again.

It has been mentioned that the spool is stationary. It does not rotate either during the cast or during the retrieve; however, it does oscillate in and out of the shell so that the line winds level in an overlapping, crisscross way. The spool on most of the fresh water spinning reels is two inches in diameter and has a line capacity of 200 yards of 2 to 8 lb. test. The spool is filled so that it does not overlap the flange of the spool.

A turn of the crank, which is on the left side of the reel, will retrieve from 15 to 20 inches of line on reels with a crank ratio of 2½ to 3 per shell rotation.

So much has been said about the spool of the spinning reel being stationary that the uninitiated may be surprised to find that the spool does revolve when pull is exerted on the line. A fish can run line out by rotating the spool which is set on the center shaft. A wing nut is generally threaded on top of the shaft, next to the spool. As it is tightened or loosened, felt or composition washers exert and regulate the pressure needed to slow down the rotation of the spool. These drag arrangements vary with different makes of reels, and sometimes appear on the bottom of the shaft instead of the top.

A rather new improvement to the spinning reel is the clutch or switch to prevent the crank handle rotating in reverse. The cranking action is indirectly connected with the spool through the winding shell. A fish, when taking out line, also pulls back on the crank handle. Such pressure on the spool makes the retrieve a two-handed job and makes it difficult to net a fish that is not completely exhausted because when the crank is released the fish can run out again, rotating the handle in reverse action from the retrieve and the drag is nullified.

Types of Spin-Casting rods are designed to cast light lures with a thread-line. Compared to the fly rod or bait casting rod, the taper of

a spinning rod is more gradual. There is more stiffness in the tip and proportionately less in the butt section. The action of a good spinning rod goes all the way down into the 10 to 14 inch cork grip. This gradual taper gives the rod a parabolic action. However, this action must not be too soft but there must be power and backbone to allow long, powerful swinging casts for distance. A quivering light tip will prove unsatisfactory.

Any quiver or whipping action in a long cast will jerk the line back as it spins through the guides rather than letting it flow out, and often causes the line to jam in the guides and snarl up. Also, a too light tip action will make it difficult to set the hook in striking fish on a thread line cast 75 to 100 feet distant.

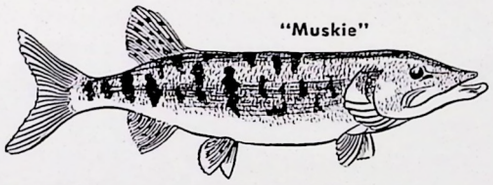
Spinning rods range in length from 6 to 8½ feet. The most popular for the 2 inch spool reels are the two piece 7 foot in 4 to 4¾ ounce weight and the 7½ foot rods weighing from 4¼ to 5¼ ounces. The rods will balance the 6½ to 11 ounce reels.

The choice of rod depends upon the kind of fish you are after and where you will fish for them. Tonkin cane split bamboo are considered the finest rods as only the most select thick walled, straight bamboo is used and first-class hand workmanship and proper aging of the wood will produce a rod that is a masterpiece. Therefore, a good rod properly cared for in the hands of a good fisherman will last a lifetime. However, those who cannot afford the best can obtain a second or third grade bamboo, or there are the new plastic and glass rods. And tubular steel rods are available for more strenuous work. These latter can be used for casting heavier lures or trolling, using stronger lines.

Spinning rods have a cork grip 10 to 14 inches long. Two reel bands allow the reel to be fastened at different positions up or down along the grip. For longer casts and when using lighter lures the reel is generally fastened nearer the bottom of the grip. When casting for shorter range and using light plugs or poppers, the reel is positioned higher up on the grip.

The guides of a spinning rod are large and graduated in size from the first large gathering guide to the tip. Here we must not overlook the fact that the line spins off a stationary spool, set under the rod. The first large gathering guide should be at least ¾ inch in diameter and placed about 20 inches above the cork grip. This guide should be offset or elevated above its foot so that the line does not slap against the rod as it spins from the stationary spool. All guides should be made of extra hard material and be graduated in sizes from the first large guide to the tip and in such alignment so that one can sight from the tip through all guides to the center of the spinning reel spool.

Nylon lines are considered best for spin casting. There are two distinctly different types of nylon lines available today: the braided type and the monofilament.



Braided lines are used more extensively by the beginner. These are made of extremely fine threads which, when braided, cannot untwist during a cast or retrieve. The best lines for spinning are hard braided – they feel smooth and round when pulled through the fingers. Three to eight pound test braided lines are the popular choice. Monofilament lines are actually leader material and for spin casting should be true to size, smooth and round without any flats. It should be soft enough to stay on the spool without uncoiling, and have no excess stretch. Two to six pound test monofilament lines are used by the experts. Artificial lures, as in other types of fishing, can be classified in three types: Surface, Sub-surface and Deep-running lures. Among the Surface lures we find flies, bugs, frogs, poppers and plugs. Sub-surface lures are wet flies, weighted

Spin Casting (a new method of fishing)— George Kunesh is preparing to cast a Royal Coachman Weighted Fly.

flies, plugs, streamers, spinners, and light spoons. Devons, heavier spinners, spoons and plugs are the Deep-running lures more commonly used.

An aid to casting the lightest lures is the Bubble Float. This is a transparent hollow ball made of two water clear plastic half shells with a flange or ring of the same material around it. There are holes on opposite sides of the flange to which the line and leader can be tied. A small opening with a plug stopper permits filling this bubble with water to any desired weight. This makes it possible for the spin caster to cast dry or wet flies, bugs, shiners or any other bait which would be too light to cast. Some fishermen even attach a double or treble hook to one end by means of a split ring as the "Bubble Float" when retrieved makes a gurgling sound simulating a surface lure and attracts bass on occasion.

Casts are made either overhead or at a plane with the shoulder, with a lead of 1 to 3 feet. The overhead cast with a short lead will be the more accurate while the shoulder plane with a longer lead will develop more distance.

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Tight Lines!

At work in his favorite "studio"—the kitchen of Robert McAuliffe's home.

Introducing Cartoonist McAuliffe

CARTOONS by Robert McAuliffe have graced the pages of The NEWS on several occasions. Not until now, however, has a picture of the cartoonist accompanied his cartoons. And so we are pleased to introduce Cartoonist McAuliffe at this time.

On March 1, 1947 Robert McAuliffe entered the employ of The East Ohio Gas Company as a meter reader. This, of course, brought the young man in contact with many of East Ohio's customers and, just like the others engaged in this type of work, he, too, had some rare experiences.

Fortunate for us, Robert McAuliffe has the talent to relate his meter-reading experiences by means of clever cartoons which we have chuckled about from time to time.

The four which are presented here will probably be the last of this particular type. The reason for this is that Robert McAuliffe is now a member of our New Business Department in Cleveland and his contacts are with the gas appliance dealers.

That Robert McAuliffe is a versatile cartoonist, there is no doubt. The cartoons shown on the table at his home are just a sample of what has been produced by the creative mind which directs the pen and brush in the right hand of Robert McAuliffe.

This young lad liked to read meters and he is happy in his dealer contact work. How do we know? We have heard it from his own lips. And he has our best wishes for continued success in all his undertakings.

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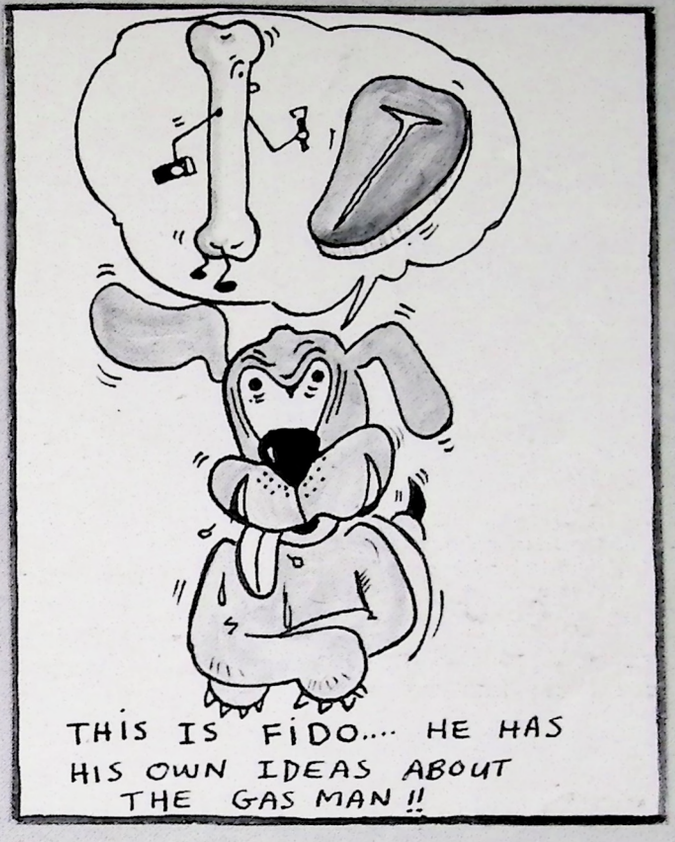
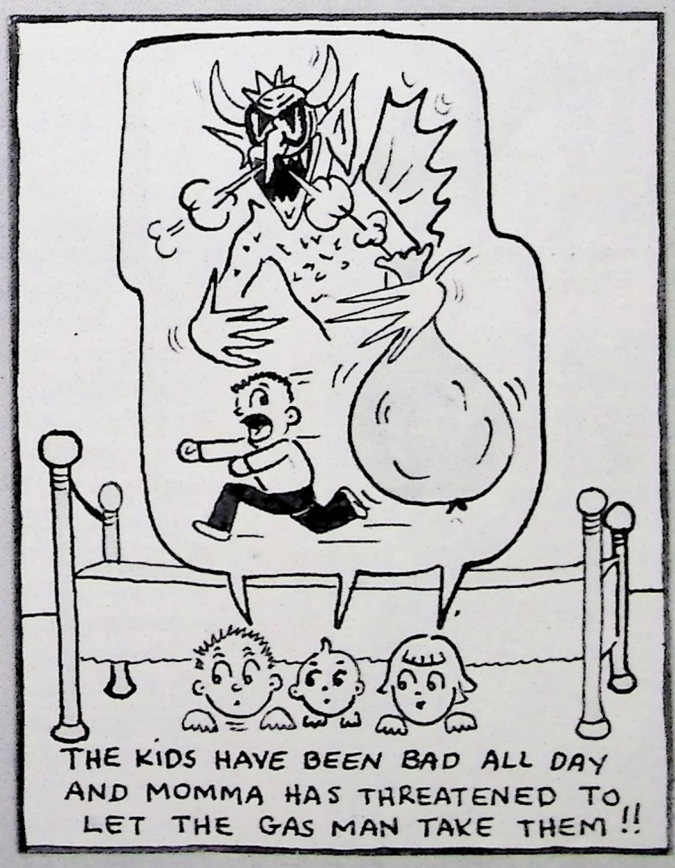
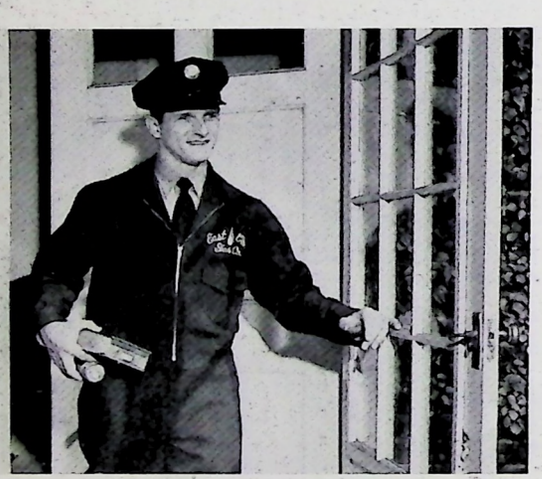




With route book, flashlight, and brand new uniform, Meter Reader Elmer Reiman greets his day's work with a smile.



Another meter read . . . and ready for the next.

A grey shirt bearing the East Ohio, blue-flame insignia, without the battle jacket, is worn on days when the temperature so dictates.

Our Men in *Uniform*

By BILL ASPELL

SOME 430 East Ohio employees will soon be slipping into the latest vogue in gasman attire when newly designed uniforms make their appearance throughout the system and place our gasmen among the best dressed in the country.

Already 100 meter readers in the Cleveland Division have been outfitted in the new forest green and grey garb, while 130 outside men—inspectors, collectors, and customer service men—are awaiting their issue.

Set off by battle jackets, garrison caps and grey shirts, the new attire is designed for the neat appearance and easy identification of these employees, whose jobs take them into practically every home on the East Ohio system. No longer will housewives have to wait for the familiar cry, "Gas man." A quick look at the East Ohio, blue-flame insignia will serve to identify the man trudging up her driveway or standing at the door.

This new-look among gasmen is not new as far as the actual planning goes, claims Dan Maloney, Cleveland Division Commercial Manager. "We've been talking about it for the last two years, and the idea itself had been with us since before the war."

The final decision to buy uniforms was made in early spring of this year. The new uniforms were custom-tailored in Cleveland and the Cleveland meter readers are the first to appear in them. Next will be the various Cleveland shops, followed by the larger cities such as Akron, Canton, and Youngstown, and finally the other cities and towns. Most East Ohio men who come in contact with our customers on their premises, expect to be in uniform by the end of August.

First to don the new garb was Meter Reader Elmer Reiman, of Cleveland, who has become one of the most widely publicized gasmen in our history. Chosen as a model for the uniform, his picture to date has turned up in the three Cleveland daily newspapers, and he has made personal appearances before the cameras of two local TV stations. These appearances pointed out to householders that the new uniformed gasman would no longer have to identify himself vocally.

Although ours will be the first meter readers in the city to appear in uniform, the idea did not originate here. Many utilities throughout the country, including nearby Ohio Fuel Gas Company, have had uniformed gasmen for some time.

Canadian Pacific's Transcontinental Train—near the Great Divide

My trip of trips! By Peggy Anne Seltzer . . . . ΔΓ

Editor's Note

August, "the vacation month," is an ideal time to read about a trip to the Pacific Northwest — in the Canadian Rockies — where even pictures of the snow-capped mountains are refreshing at this time of year. The author of this article, Peggy Anne Seltzer, will be a junior at Ohio Wesleyan this fall and she has been an East Ohioan for three summers, in General Financial, better known as "410."

How It Came About

A FEW weeks ago, I was fortunate to take one of the most memorable vacations of my life. Every other year my sorority, Delta Gamma, holds its convention in a different location and this year it was at Banff, Alberta, Canada. I was given permission to go, along with eight other sorority sisters from Ohio Wesleyan University. We had a truly delightful vacation.

We're Off

Boarding the train on the morning of June 22, we reached Chicago that evening, where our group spent the night. We stayed at the largest hotel in the world — The Stevens. It has more than twenty floors.

The next day, we met our special sorority train in the Union Station and we left there close to noon. After a short ride on the train we stopped at the Delta Gamma house at Northwestern University, in Evanston, for lunch. Having the time for only a short stay there, we again boarded the train. Then we were really on our way. Two nights were spent on this train. We made

a few stops, including St. Paul, Enderlin, N. D., Portal, and Calgary. Portal marks the borderline between the United States and Canada and it is an old, dead town.

Arrival at Banff

We reached the town of Banff near 2:00 P. M. on June 25. The scenery had miraculously changed from monotonous flat lands to beautiful snow-capped mountains and the wide-open spaces. We were cordially welcomed by our chapter from Banff, on horseback and singing catchy tunes. Sight-seeing buses took us from the train to the Banff Springs Hotel nearby. This hotel is in one of the most beautiful settings I've ever seen. As one looks out from the terrace at the rear of the hotel, there is seen miles of the winding Bow River in the valley below, its falls with high snow-capped mountains behind, and the clear blue sky above. We gazed for a long time at this breath-taking scene and the first day there, we hiked around the paths and took snapshots of these wondrous sights.

During our five-day stay at this hotel, we swam several mornings in the outdoor swimming pool, which was heated to 70 degrees. Between meetings, we hiked the mile into Banff to explore the stores for gifts and souvenirs. One of the high spots of our stay, was the chair lift tour taken on Tuesday afternoon. We went by bus up the mountainside and then we continued up to a high ledge by small chairs, used by skiers during the winter months. This means of transportation was new to most of us and it proved very exciting. From this high ledge, we could see for miles below us and gaze at the miniature town of Banff, nestled at the foot of towering, white-topped mountains.

More Unexpected Pleasure

That evening, three of us walked to town to collect a repaired bagpipe, which one girl was to use in one of our programs. We arrived at the home of a Scotch woman, Mrs. Fullbrook, who had done the repairing. The home was full of souvenirs from Scotland and other countries and we spent an interesting evening listening to Mrs. Fullbrook tell us of her days in Scotland and her new life in Banff. She climaxed the evening by playing some old Scotch songs on her own bagpipes, and we enjoyed this immensely. When we finally departed, we felt as if we had known this lady for a long time.

Beautiful Lake Louise

On the last morning of our stay in Banff, we took buses to Lake Louise, about forty miles away. We had lunch at the Chateau and then strolled around the grounds to take pictures. Lake Louise is the most beautiful place in the world, I really believe.

Snow-capped Mt. Victoria beckons the hiker, and another trail leads to the "Lakes in the Clouds"—Mirror Lake and Lake Agnes. And speaking of the latter reminds me that someone who had visited Lake Louise several years ago related the following experience: Returning from a hike to the "Lakes in the Clouds," the hostess at the Chateau asked the guest what she would have done had she encountered a bear. "A bear!"—"I never gave that a thought," the lady gasped. Then the hostess said: "If it's a brown one, give him the trail; and climb a tree yourself if he's a black bear." The stunned guest followed through with: "I wouldn't stop to determine his color; if I saw a bear, I think that I could climb the air."

This same party told me that she met a lady at Lake Louise who had lived in Switzerland most of her life. The Swiss lady claimed that the beauty of Lake Louise far surpassed that of the Alps.

And as a final tribute to its beauty, a friend of mine told me on my return that she prayed every night to have her spirit sent to Lake Louise, because it was her idea of heaven.

With a Star

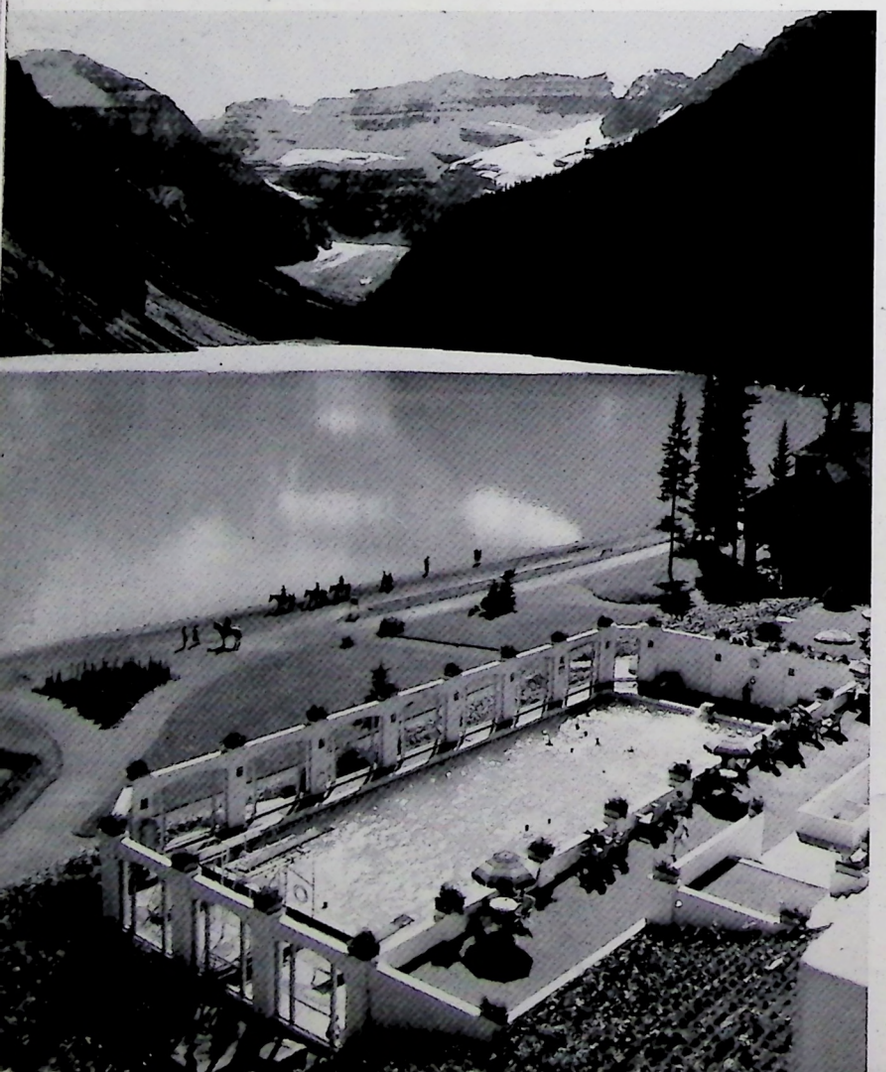
We were fortunate enough to see the movie star, Joan Crawford, while we were there. Many of us took pictures of her, besides getting her autograph.

Interesting Stops

Our return trip in the bus was most interesting because we spied some fairly tame elk along the side of the road. We stopped to watch them awhile, and later we saw some beavers building a dam.

Home Again

Later that day, June 30, we boarded the train for home and I arrived in Cleveland at 2:00 A. M., on July 3. The trip home, as is true of any return trip, was less exciting and uneventful. The beautiful mountains disappeared just as quickly as they had appeared to us, making our stay seem more than ever the enchanting adventure it was. So far, it's my trip of trips.



A close-up view of the Chateau's Swimming Pool.

Chateau Lake Louise in its picturesque mountain setting.

High above the Bow River Valley stands the majestic Banff Springs Hotel—14 floors, 600 rooms. A Canadian "Mountie" pauses to regard the beauty of this awe-inspiring scene.

Horseback riding at Lake Louise is popular with the guests at the Chateau. That is Mt. Victoria in the background. One should never leave Lake Louise without seeing this at sunrise. Sunset time, of course, is an easier appointment to meet for the vacationist.

Trail Rider—on his way to Lake Louise.

(Photos by courtesy of the Canadian Pacific Railway)

fun for all at our
TRANSMISSION PICNIC

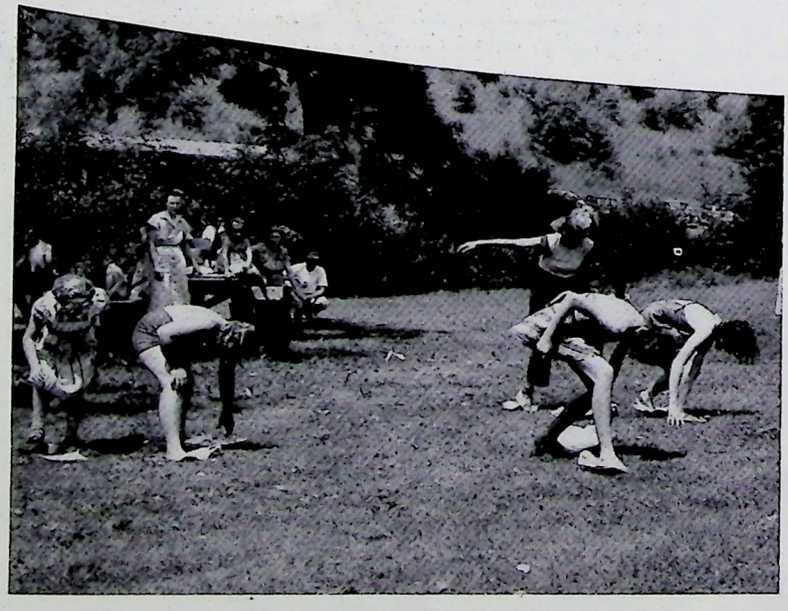
The boys scramble for their shoes so they can complete the race.

By PAUL A. ESHELMAN

THE annual picnic of the Transmission Division was held on Saturday, July 29, at Sweaney's Grove, near East Sparta. The weatherman co-operated with the committee to produce a beautiful, sunny day with the temperature just right for July.

The picknickers arrived in time to unload their well-filled baskets of food on the tables about the grove and in the shelterhouse, and at noon the hearty appetites of the grown-ups and children were being appeased. Soft drinks and coffee were provided and served by the committee under the direction of Clifford Kuemerle.

After dinner there were contests for the children, planned by Mrs. John Beers and Mrs. James Hast-



It isn't easy to keep your feet on the paper. Is it, girls?

Wayne Carson comes to bat as Clifford Kuemerle runs toward first base, and Ed and Dick McClintock make a Lemon and Easter play.

ings, and contests for the wives and mothers arranged for by Mrs. Clifford Kuemerle.

For the youngsters of 2 to 5 years of age, there was a scramble for pennies in the grass.

The girls had a paper race. If you have never tried racing by stepping on a sheet of paper, then placing another sheet a step ahead and picking up the one you just stepped from, you should try it and see what "speed" can be made.

Then there was a marshmallow eating contest and a barefoot race for the boys, after which they had to retrieve their shoes from one large pile. The mothers, not to be outdone, tried this contest also and, after recovering their own shoes, they formed a line and vied with each other to see who could kick their left shoe the farthest distance. Our talent scout reports that there were some good candidates for a chorus should the Transmission Division decide to put on a "Follies" production.

The games ended with a needle threading contest, after which the crowd moved to the ball field.

Two baseball games were played between the north and south teams and the north team won BOTH games.

Many of the children and their parents took advantage of a cool swim at the pool in the grove.

Late in the afternoon the picnickers began to head for home. The affair was well attended, some employees coming from as far south as the Ohio River, from Cleveland on the north, as far east as Youngstown, and from Wooster on the west.

Everyone agreed that another celebration is looked forward to next year.

Warren Downard hits one to left field.

Soup's On and Everyone Is Ready

From a Woman's Viewpoint

CONTRAST FOR SUMMER APPETITES

"Some like it hot, some like it cold
But nobody likes it in the pot 9 days old"

BY THE HOME SERVICE DEPARTMENT, YOUNGSTOWN

Editor's Note—We are pleased to welcome Betty Belle Yeager to our Home Service staff for The NEWS. Her sparkling first contribution should be a boon to the appetites of East Ohioans during sultry days.

SO here are both hot and cold dishes to tickle your taste buds and satisfy summer appetites. Remember, however, that whether you **like** them hot or cold, you should include one hot dish each meal every day for proper nourishment, which will help in keeping you cool. One hot dish, whether it be soup, salad, main dish, or dessert, will really keep you cooler than a whole meal from the refrigerator.

Flowers have bloomed all summer long and the grassy, once-green carpet has mellowed to a softer, subtler hue. It has been a glorious summer and now we are beginning to think about another season—fall, which brings to mind new styles, new colors, new foods, and new projects for the winter to come. But first, we must give summer the proper adieu and August is the month to polish off the season with new taste thrills and exciting dishes that will leave pleasant memories lingering until next year.

Along with sunburns and mosquito bites, summer has brought bountiful gardens—vegetables popping right out of the ground ripe and ready for the table. Beside those melon vines are cucumbers galore. So let's have a really refreshing cucumber salad—it even has a "cool" taste and if you don't believe such a thing is possible, try it and be convinced that it is true.

Cucumber Salad

1 package lime gelatin
½ cup hot water
1 pound cottage cheese
1 cucumber, grated, unpeeled
3 tablespoons chopped onion
1 cup salad dressing
Dash of salt

Dissolve gelatin in hot water and let cool. Break cheese into small pieces and grate unpeeled cucumber. Mix the cheese and cucumber with the chopped onion, salad dressing, and salt. Add this mixture to the gelatin after the gelatin has cooled. Place in the Servel refrigerator to mold. Serves 6.

If you still need a hot dish to complete that meal, here is a hot potato salad which we got from Marie Spettigue and we like it very much. This recipe came all the way from Holland under a little Dutch cap, her grandmother's.

Dutch Potato Salad

4 slices bacon
1 teaspoon flour
¼ cup vinegar
2 tablespoons water
3 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
1 medium onion, diced
1 tablespoon minced parsley
1 tablespoon chopped chives
3 cups diced, cooked potatoes

Cut bacon fine and fry lightly. Stir in flour. Add vinegar, water, sugar, salt and pepper, and heat to boiling. Pour over the onions, parsley, chives, and hot diced potatoes. Serve while hot. Serves 4.

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Now for a cold main dish, try a Jellied Veal Loaf. This is a good way to use left-over veal roast. It's a molded refrigerator dish that can be prepared in advance and kept in the refrigerator until ready to serve. You'll like the way it decorates the table for it's almost as pretty as a table centerpiece. The Brazil nuts not only give a very intriguing flavor, but add a touch of sophistication as well.

Jellied Veal Loaf

1 package lemon gelatin
2 cups veal stock
2 hard-cooked eggs
Whole Brazil nut meats
1½ cups chopped cooked veal
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vinegar
2 tablespoons minced parsley
2 teaspoons minced onion
½ cup chopped Brazil nut meats

Dissolve gelatin in 1 cup hot stock. Then add the remaining stock. Pour 1/3 cup into bottom of loaf pan and chill until firm. Garnish jelly in bottom of loaf pan with sliced eggs and a few whole Brazil nuts. Add veal, salt, vinegar, parsley, onion, and Brazil nuts to remaining gelatin. Pour in the veal mixture and chill for several hours, until firm. Unmold and serve with lettuce and mayonnaise. To vary, use cooked pork instead of veal. Serves 6.

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A hot summer casserole is just the thing to accompany the oh-so-cold Cucumber Salad and frozen Lemon Fluff.

The ingredients you probably have on hand, and in no time at all your casserole main dish is ready to put on the table. The best French casseroles are those that have been baked in century-old earthenware dishes, because casseroles also improve with age.

Tomato-Egg Casserole

3 ripe tomatoes
5 hard-cooked eggs
3 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons flour
2 teaspoons salt
1¼ cups milk
½ cup grated mild cheese
Buttered crumbs

Slice peeled tomatoes and eggs and place in a greased baking dish or casserole. Make a white sauce of butter, flour, salt and milk. Add cheese and heat slowly until cheese is melted. Pour over tomatoes and eggs. Cover with bread or cracker crumbs and bake in a moderate oven 350 degrees for about 20 minutes. Serves 6.

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Ever tried a cold soup? This one is a good introduction to a hot meal on a very hot day. Give your family a real treat by serving this jellied bouillon soup.

Chilled Chicken Bouillon

1 tablespoon unflavored gelatin
¼ cup cold water
2 cups hot chicken stock
2 teaspoons chopped parsley

Soften gelatin in cold water for 5 minutes. Add to the hot stock and stir until dissolved. Season to taste with salt and add parsley. Chill. When firm cut in cubes or beat slightly with a fork. Serve in cold bouillon cup with lemon wedges. Serves 4.

Here is a hot soup that is just perfect to serve with that cold lunch. Pull the beets from your garden, throw them in the pot, and what comes out you'll like a lot.

Cream of Beet Soup

1 medium onion, minced
1 tablespoon fat
1 cup water
¾ cup chopped, cooked beets
½ cup meat stock
1 teaspoon salt
Dash of pepper
1 cup milk, scalded

Saute onions slowly in fat until a light yellow. Add water, beets, and meat stock and simmer until onions are tender. Add salt, pepper, and milk and heat to boiling. Serve at once. Serves 4.

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If you are looking for a light dessert, try this Fresh Lemon Fluff. After a sumptuous meal, it is truly the palate-payoff. We feel sure that your family or guests will always have room for this frozen sherbet.

Fresh Lemon Fluff

¾ cups sugar
1 cup water
½ cup milk
½ cup fresh lemon juice
2 egg whites
¼ cup sugar
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel

Combine ¾ cup sugar with water and cook for 5 minutes. Cool and add milk and lemon juice. Pour into freezing tray, freeze firm. Beat egg whites, gradually adding ¼ cup sugar; beat until stiff. Turn frozen mixture into chilled bowl and beat thoroughly. Fold beaten egg whites into sherbet, return to tray and freeze firm. Serves 6.

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What could be better to complete a light cold lunch than a fresh Peach Cobbler? We are told that for this very special one, Stanley Kriss goes straight home. Peach trees are loaded with this luscious fruit so now is the time to treat your family to one of the best—a Peach Cobbler.

Peach Cobbler

Filling:
6 peaches, peeled and sliced
1 cup sugar
½ teaspoon almond flavoring
½ teaspoon lemon juice
2 tablespoons butter (appx.)

Pastry:
2/3 cups shortening
2 cups sifted flour
1 teaspoon salt
3 to 5 tablespoons water

Cut shortening into sifted flour and salt until the mixture is the size of small peas. Add enough water, gradually, to form a stiff dough. Turn onto a lightly floured board and roll out lightly from center to edges, keeping a rectangular shape. Put into square or rectangular shaped pan allowing the dough to fall over the edge about 3 inches. Fill with the sliced peaches and cover with sugar, almond flavoring, and lemon juice mixed together. Dot with butter. Fold in the overlapping edges and bake in a 450 degree oven for 15 minutes. Then reduce heat to 350 degrees and continue baking—about 15-20 minutes. Serves 8.

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We guarantee that these dishes are so delicious that they won't be around even a day!

A perfect ending for dinner—Fresh Lemon Fluff

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND MANY MORE

BY PATRICK E. McCAFFREY

Sixteen Youngstowners Call Upon a Friend: Fred Riddle, Duke McMurray, Mike Radovich, Herb Gaskins, Irwin Woods, Bill Morgan, Joe Goddard, Joe Fusco, Charles Gallagher, Felix Rich, Patrick McCaffrey, John Thomas, Jim Irwin, Steve DeGennaro, Mike Pirosko, John Giba, Derwood Beighley. (This picture represents 403 years of Company Service.)

ON Saturday, June 24, sixteen members of the Youngstown Division paid a visit to Joe Fusco at home on his eighty-third birthday. When we arrived Joe was sitting on the porch surrounded by his five children and their families. He greeted us with joy in his eyes and a broad smile on his face. Although he did not have a great deal to say as his hearing is not too good, whenever anyone mentioned the name of some person with whom he had worked, Joe moved closer to hear the whole story.

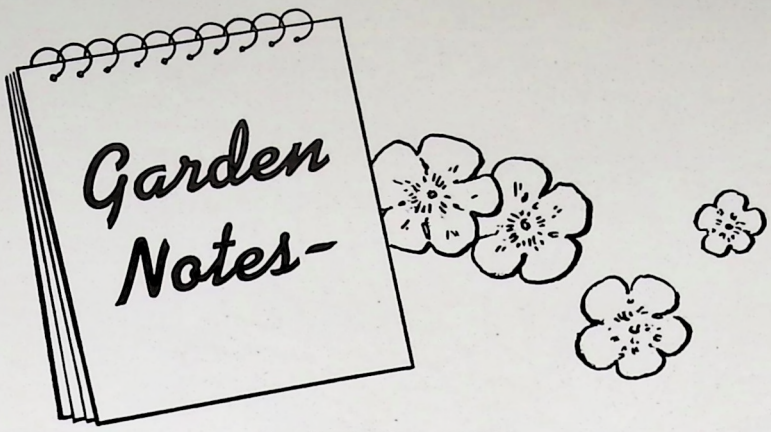
Mike Pirosko brought his fiddle and put on some entertainment. Steve DeGennaro and William Morgan did a dance on the porch that was a dandy. You would never believe that they were numbered among our Company's annuitants. Herb Gaskins, William Morgan, Jack Thomas and Derwood Beighley sang a few songs and later on the whole crowd joined in the singing.

We listened to Joe relate an experience he had in the horse and wagon days. Joe was riding on a wagon which was making a sharp turn around a corner and Joe was thrown off it. He was taken to the hospital for treatment and was confined there over Labor Day. Mrs. Fusco had prepared some chicken sandwiches and purchased a few cigars before going to the hospital to see her husband. Arriving too late for visiting hours, Mrs. Fusco left them in care of the nurse with instructions that they be given to Joe. The nurse gave the sandwiches and the cigars to the man who shared the room with Joe. This was discovered the following day when Mrs. Fusco made her next visit.

Joe Fusco's East Ohio service dates back to October 1, 1909 and, on September 1 of this year, he will have been an annuitant for eighteen years.

We all had a good time with Joe and his family celebrating his eighty-third birthday. May he have many more of them.

A Happy Family Gathering. Front row, left to right: Guy Fusco, Vicky Fusco, Garry Kostura, Donald Fusco. Second row, left to right: Miss Janice Fusco, Jos. Fusco, Miss Mary Fusco, Mrs. Michael Kostura. Third row, left to right: Mrs. Guy Fusco, J. Suhovecky, Mrs. J. Suhovecky, John Fusco and Michael Kostura.



By JOSEPH J. KLIMA
Garden Editor

PHLOX

Phlox is a garden favorite and should be grown in the full sun. The individual flowers are showy, ranging in color from pure white to bright red, pale lilac or purple. They grow well in any ordinary garden soil, but better results will be obtained by using rich, heavy soil and well watering during dry period.

Division of roots may be made in early spring and should be done every three years.

The perennial species and varieties are among the best and most popular of garden plants. The taller growing forms are well adapted for bedding purposes and at the rear of mixed border plantings.

It is advisable to destroy self-sown seedlings as they have a strong tendency to revert to the original lavender shades.

The best way to control most diseases:

(1) Destroy all plant tops and fallen leaves in the fall;

(2) Proper division and spacing of the plants.

When they are crowded a powdery mildew covers both top and bottom of the leaves in mid-summer. It is more prevalent on Phlox planted in damp or shady places but can be easily controlled by dusting with fine sulphur.

Leaf Spot appears as brown spots, first on the lower leaves, which may die, and then on other leaves up the stem. It may be serious on certain varieties. The cause is not known.

Red Spider, the most serious of the pests of Phlox, infests the under sides of the leaves, which become light yellow in color and give the plant a general unthrifty appearance. Looking closely on the under surface, one can see the tiny red mites enclosed in a webby mass. Syringing with a hose is useful.

For a very serious infestation use Parathion Dust, a mixture of nine parts sulphur and one part Parathion.

PEONY

Peony is the common name for Paeonia, a genus of hardy, handsomely flowered plants, a member of the Buttercup Family. They are among the most popular and satisfactory of garden perennials. The blooms are showy without being coarse and range in color from white, pink, and red, to the darkest purple, with a few yellows among the newer types.

Peonies are effectively used in combination with other perennials and especially grouped as accents. They thrive best in not too heavy soil which has been well dug and enriched with manure. Plant so that the crowns are not covered more than three inches deep. The plants are heavy feeders, so it is well to give them an annual top dressing of bonemeal or well decomposed manure mixed with rich soil from the compost heap.

When planting new clumps incorporate plenty of manure but be sure it is deep enough so it does not touch the roots.

The roots are always set in autumn and this can be done from now until November. Spring transplanting is risky. They may be planted in full sun or partial shade. And a peony detests having its ground invaded by tree roots.

They may not bloom the first year after planting, but once established and properly fed they will increase in size and produce beautiful blooms.

Botrytis Blight is the most common disease of peonies. It is very destructive during wet seasons. Early in the spring young shoots suddenly wilt and fall over, turning black and showing masses of gray-brown spores. If nothing is done, these spores are later carried to developing buds which turn black and cease growth. Although spraying with weak bordeaux mixture several times in the spring, beginning when the young tips first show, is advisable, sanitary measures are the chief means of control. Therefore, in late fall cut all stalks just below the surface of the ground, removing as much of the stalk as possible without injuring the bud. This destroys many resting bodies that would be sources of spring infection.

Remove promptly any infected shoots in the spring and all diseased buds, flowers and leaves during the season. Place all diseased material in a bag and burn it. Diseased parts carried about uncovered will scatter spores.

Ants are often seen on the buds, but they are merely feeding on a sticky secretion and cause no injury.

Propagation is by division of the clumps in the fall, or by seed (the seedlings not blooming until the third year).

WEED 'EM AND SEED 'EM

My lawn was a pity, the weeds were so high
I sprayed it with spray that would make the weeds die.
In several weeks' time, all the dandelion shoots
Had kicked up their heels and had burned out their roots.

Unfortunately, though, as I looked my lawn over
I found that this chemical also killed clover.
It seemed fairly logical even at that
To get rid of pig ears the size of my hat.

For some weeds this treatment was good, but the others
(For example the crab grass), were as thick as twin brothers.
I asked at the seed store what they would suggest;
They guaranteed scuttle to clean out this pest.

I followed directions so carefully given
With all of these killers not one weed was livin'.
But now, woe is me, for alack and alas,
I found that my lawn had been weeds and not grass.

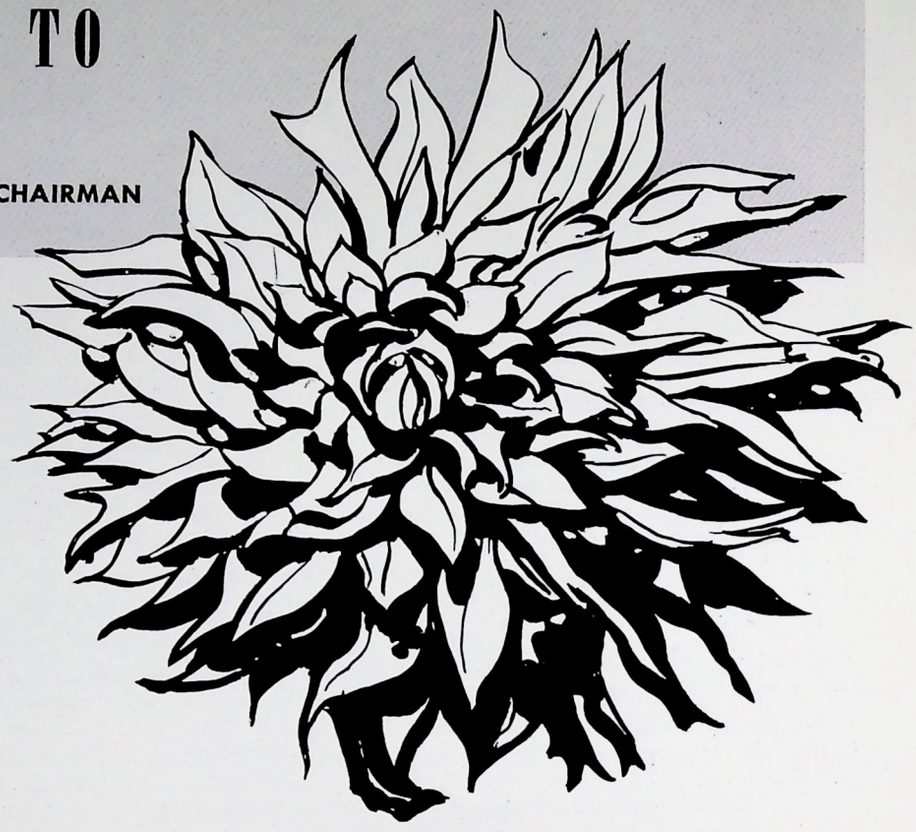
What I once had considered a green verdant yard
Now defied the description of even a bard.
I never had bragged of the best lawn in town
But at least it was green, and now it is brown.

So with grass seed again I am starting from scratch
To replace my old lawn—that is, my weed patch.
And I'll carefully snatch out each weed that appears.
Come see my new lawn in two or three years.

—Gleim S. Burkhart

AN INVITATION TO A SHOW

BY LEONARD F. FUERST, DAHLIA SHOW CHAIRMAN



Editor's Note

In our business world, the author of this article is the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, Cleveland. As Chairman of the Dahlia Show which will be held in the Higbee Auditorium on September 18 and 19, Mr. Fuerst extends a cordial invitation to all to attend it. The article about one of his favorite subjects, Dahlias, follows:

How to Grow Fine Dahlias

ALTHOUGH Dahlias may be grown in almost any ordinary garden soil, they do respond readily to a little extra care.

Fine Dahlias are the result of a number of factors, the most important of which are: good vigorous disease-free stock; choice of varieties which naturally produce high quality blooms; location of the garden; proper planting; cultivation; intelligent fertilization and spraying.

The first two factors need no comment other than to buy from a reliable grower. Selection of the location for the garden is usually quite restricted but, fortunately, Dahlias will do well in any type of soil and in a wide variety of climate. A good site is one that receives several hours of sunlight each day and has good drainage, so that water does not stand on the ground long after rains. And more important than the type of soil, or the location of the garden, is the condition of the soil at planting time and during the growing season. It is believed that more failures with Dahlias are due to the lack of proper conditioning of the soil than to any other single factor. This is especially regrettable since it is a factor which may be easily controlled.

Ideal Soil

There are a number of elements in the soil which are needed for proper plant growth. Of these elements there are only three which are likely to be present in lesser amounts than needed by the plant. They are NITROGEN, PHOSPHORUS, and POTASH.

NITROGEN is needed for bush growth, dark green foliage, and large flowers. The common sources of nitrogen are cover crops, dried blood, fish scraps, barnyard manures and commercial fertilizers.

PHOSPHORUS is the most important from the Dahlia grower's standpoint. It is essential in all plant functions. It hastens blooming, increases root development, stiffens the stems, increases the general vitality of the plant; and it overcomes the harmful effects of excessive nitrogen, as well as certain other adverse soil conditions. Phosphorus is not harmful even when applied in excessive quantities. The common sources are: Super-phosphate, double superphosphate, and bone meal.

POTASH increases the general vigor of the plant; it is essential in the chemical changes occurring in the plant, and root formation is dependent upon its presence. The common sources are: nitrate of potash, and sulphate of potash.

As a general thing, it is advisable to broadcast a 0-20-20 fertilizer over the garden about two weeks before planting. Five or six pounds per hundred square feet of space is a good application. It should be thoroughly mixed into the soil when digging as the phosphate element is not readily moved down into the soil by water action. 0-20-20 is a commercial fertilizer formula indicating no nitrogen elements, 20 per cent phosphorus and 20 per cent potash.

Soil Preparation

The soil of the garden should be kept loose while the plants are growing, especially in the early part of the season. Light, sandy soils need the least preparation, providing they contain enough humus to hold a sufficient amount of moisture. Humus may be supplied by planting a cover crop of rye in the fall to spade under in the spring, peat moss mixed into the soil, barnyard manures, and by vegatative refuse such as lawn grass clippings, leaves, etc. Heavy clay soils may be made lighter by the generous use of furnace ashes or cinders mixed with the soil of the garden. Stirring the soil frequently to a depth of five or six inches helps to maintain the soil in proper condition. Air and water penetrate more easily into loose soil to aid in the chemical transformation of soil elements into plant food.

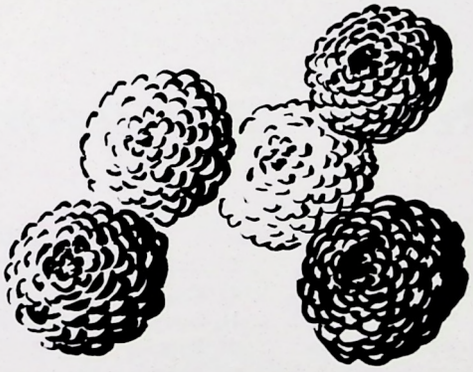
Spade the garden two or three weeks before planting time. Leave the surface rough until actual setting of the roots or plants. Never try to "fit" the soil when it is so wet that it sticks to the tools. Planting should not be started until the soil has commenced to warm up in the spring, which in the latitude of northern Ohio is about May 15 to 20. Planting may be continued until June 15 or later.

Proper Planting

Planting in furrows or trenches about five inches deep, running the length of the row, is considered best. Place the root flat in the bottom of the trench and cover with two or three inches of soil. Fill in the rest of the trench as the plant grows. Rows should be at least three, or preferably four, feet apart. Plants in the rows should be thirty-six inches apart when planting large sorts. (Small type Dahlias can be planted from sixteen to twenty-four inches apart.) Stakes to support the plant later may be driven at planting time five or six inches from the eye or sprout.

Plant Care

Cultivate once or twice each week to a depth of five or six inches in the early part of the growing season. Right next to the plant, cultivation should not be as deep because some of the roots are likely to be cut off or injured.



Water only in very dry weather. One thorough soaking is far better than several light sprinklings. Frequent watering brings the roots too near the surface where they are quickly injured by heat or drought. More water will be required after the plants start blooming than earlier in the season.

Nitrogen fertilizers are more satisfactorily used later in the season, after buds are formed, to give extra size to the blooms. A small quantity scattered lightly around the plant, not nearer than a foot from the stalk, and watered into the soil, will decidedly increase flower size. One or two more very light applications at intervals of a week or ten days may further increase size.

Battling the Insects

Successful control of insects is of prime importance in most localities, owing to the direct damage they do to the plants and the indirect damage caused by the insects carrying diseases from one plant to another. The first principles of effective control are proper insecticides and thorough applications at frequent intervals.

DDT has proven so highly successful as a control for many of the insects infesting Dahlias that it should be the basis of whatever dust or spray you use. A spray is somewhat more effective and the material remains effective for a somewhat longer period on the plants. Spraying at intervals of two weeks is sufficient for excellent results in controlling most pests. Dusts may need to be applied at weekly or ten-day intervals. Applications should not be made oftener than necessary for good control.

CAUTION: Be sure the material you purchase is made specifically for application to plants.

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Whether you raise Dahlias or just admire them, on behalf of the Dahlia Society of Ohio, you are invited to visit the Dahlia Show, in the Higbee Auditorium, on September 18 and 19. There will be Dahlias of every color, size and variety on display.

SPORTS NEWS

VINCENT DUDAS
SPORTS EDITOR

Charles Gallagher, Manager Youngstown Division, displays fine form as he pitches the first ball right down the strike zone.

Double Header Ballgame and Picnic

By Stan Kriss

1st game—Youngstown 3; Cleveland 2
(8 Innings)

2nd game—Cleveland 3; Youngstown 2

On Saturday, July 1, the Cleveland ball team and its band of 50 loyal supporters came by bus to resume friendly relations with the Youngstown team in a double-header and a picnic.

The bus stopped at the shop where the ball players changed into their uniforms. They were then escorted to Stambaugh Field for the double-header.

It was a clear, sunny and hot afternoon. Perfect weather for a ball game and picnic.

Stambaugh Field, with its well groomed ball diamond and spacious bleachers, was a perfect setting for the two games which followed.

After the teams finished their warm-up practice, the Youngstown players took their positions in the field. The afternoon program was officially launched when Charles Gallagher, manager of the Youngstown Division, pitched the first ball. Then the fans settled down to watch two closely contested games.

The following is the line-up of both teams for both games.

Cleveland	Hits	Youngstown	Hits
Dudas, ss	2	Duncan, c	2
Jalen, p	1	Cox p-1b	0
Lesko, cf	1	Douglass, 3b	0
Reiman, c-p	0	Ramsbottom, p-1b	2
Mitch, 3b	2	Rhiel, cf-3b	2
Fennell, 2b	3	Madved, ss	4
Paoletta, p-rf	1	McSkimming, lf	0
Gagliardi, lf	2	Dubec, 2b	0
McCormick, c-rf	1	Protain, rf	1
Krug, p	0	Wellington, cf	0

Cleveland opened the scoring with one run in the first inning and another in the second. Ramsbottom then held them scoreless for the rest of the game. Youngstown came to life in the third when they scored one run. They scored one more run in the sixth and then the winning run in the last of the eighth.

In the third inning, Wally Lesko, fleet-footed Cleveland centerfielder, provided the first thrill of the game when he made a nice running catch over his shoulder of McSkimming's drive to deep center field.

In the last of the third, Nick Madved poled a homer with none on to score the first run for Youngstown.

In the fourth inning, Elmer Reiman struck out Protain, McSkimming and Madved in short order.

At the end of seven innings the score was tied at two all. In the first of the eighth the Cleveland batters were held scoreless. In the last of the eighth with one out, Madved on third and Duncan on second, Jim Cox came to bat. At this point Manager Max Preston held a rhubarb with Cox. The Cleveland infield sensed the play and pulled in for a play at the plate. Cox then bunted in front of the plate. The ball took a high bounce and Madved slid in under the throw, scoring the winning run to end the first game.

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After a brief rest period the second contest was begun.

Paoletta took the mound for Cleveland and Cox pitched for the home team. Cleveland again opened the scoring with one run in the first. Youngstown came back in the second and scored one. Then in the fourth and after two were out Gagliardi, Fennell and McCormick hit successfully to score two runs. Youngstown scored once in the seventh and Cleveland won the second game 3 to 2.

The second game also provided some thrills. With the bases loaded Rhiel,

playing third, caught a pop fly out on the left field line. The Cleveland runner Manager Vince Dudas, tagged up on third and legged it for home. While off balance Rhiel wheeled and pegged the ball into home in time to nip the runner. In the last of the second, Ramsbottom drilled a fast pitch to right center for a home run to make the score one all. Fennell opened the fourth with a double. McCormick then singled to center and both runners scored when the ball scooted through the centerfielder's legs. Youngstown threatened to go ahead in the fourth. With two on, Steve Krug, the Cleveland ace pitcher, made his belated appearance and without any warm-up pitches he struck out McSkimming to snuff out a potential rally. In the first of the fifth Protain, the locals right-fielder, made a diving catch of a sinking line drive and came up with the ball.

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Both games were well played both offensively and defensively. Fennell collected three hits while Madved led the offensive for Youngstown with four hits. A fine competitive and sportsman-like spirit was displayed throughout the games.

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After the double-header was over everyone went to Bear's Den picnic grounds in beautiful Mill Creek where "Chef Boyardi" Jim Irwin and his staff had prepared a veritable Smorgasbord. There were delicious ham sandwiches (with plenty of ham) and nice, fat, juicy hot-dogs with all the trimmings. For dessert there were delicious cup cakes, with coffee for the grown-ups and soda pop for the kiddies. The youngsters were also treated with lolly-pops.

The highlight of the picnic was the presentation of a large birthday cake to Charles Gallagher—a complete surprise. It was also daughter Maggie's birthday, which called for a double celebration. Jim Irwin presented the cake with lighted candles and all sang "Happy Birthday" to Charlie and Maggie.

Everyone had a very enjoyable and sociable time. Much of the credit for the success of the picnic must go to the very capable and hard working committee and we would be remiss if we did not at this time call the roll: Jim and Mrs. Irwin; Frank and Dorothy McGuire; Mr. and Mrs. Max Preston and daughter Maxine; Dick Rhiel and Frank Belichick. We would also like to thank the "behind the scene" folks who had any part in making this affair a great success.

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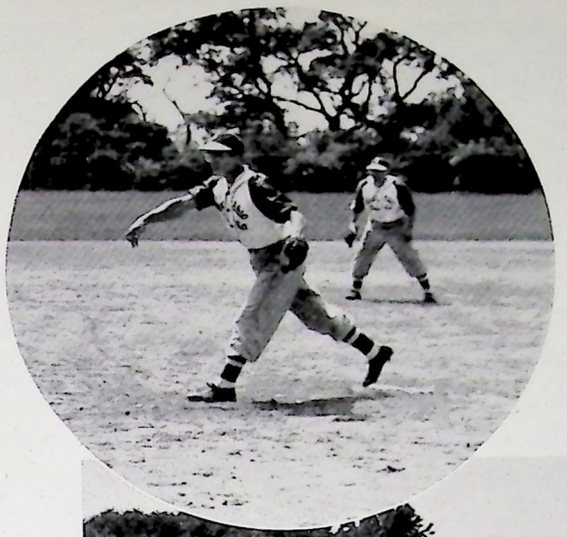
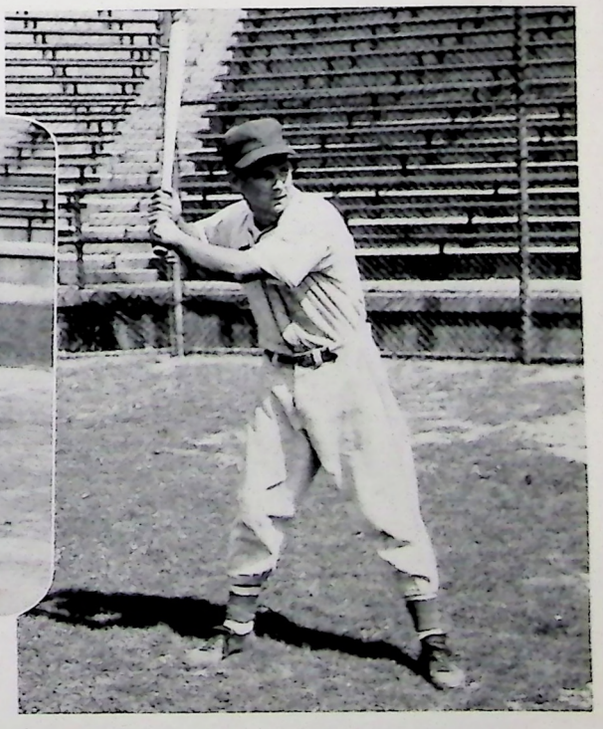
And so we completed another happy Inter-Divisional Reunion, significant of the good-will and friendship of The East Ohio Gas Company family.



Elmer Reiman, Cleveland pitcher, twirled in masterful fashion as he struck out three in a row in the fourth inning of the first game.

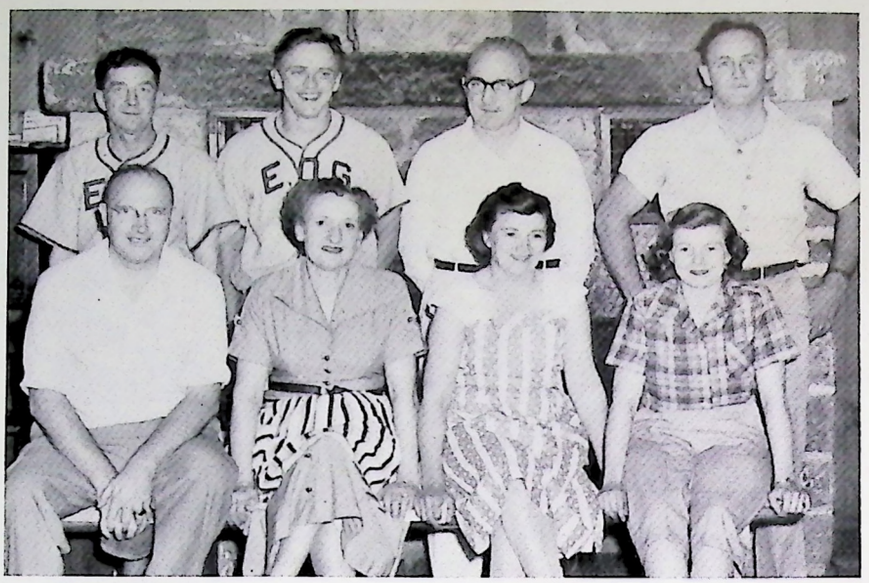
Ramsbottom, Youngstown pitcher, pours one right down the alley.

Nick Madved of Youngstown slides in safely to score the winning run in the first game.



Nick Madved, Youngstown infielder, who homered and also scored the winning run in the first game.

Ramsbottom of Youngstown just before he drilled a line drive to right center for a home run in the second game.



Members of the committee who did all the work and were responsible for the success of the picnic. (Front row) Frank McGuire, Mrs. James Irwin, Mrs. Max Preston and Mrs. Walter A. Arens, Jr. (Back row) Max Preston, Dick Rhiel, Jim Irwin and Frank Belichick.

The head of the "Chow Line" at Bear's Den picnic grounds in Mill Creek Park.

Charles Gallagher and daughter Maggie cut their birthday cake.

The Cleveland delegation ready to board the bus for the return trip.

SOFTBALL—CLEVELAND

Tuesday, June 27, at Clague Park

J. Schrader Co.—4
East Ohio Gas Co.—2

With first baseman Badt being a thorn in the side, East Ohio's sluggers couldn't get rolling early and often enough. Net result was that Badt had a perfect night, getting 3 for 3 and scoring three of the four runs for the J. Schrader Co. "Metal Spinners."

Billy Lewis, hard hitting shortstop of the E. O. G. nine, laced a mighty four bagger along with a brace of singles, while Elmer Reiman in left field had 2 for 4, both singles.

Friday, June 30, at Elks Field

East Ohio Gas Co.—2
Gabriel Co.—1
(8 Innings)

Here was a game played that fans and East Ohio players alike will long remember. With the Gabriel "Shocks" holding a 1 to 0 lead going into the last of the seventh, East Ohio's hard fighting nine tied it up on "Whitey" Eagan's base hit, driving in Billy Lewis with the tying run. In the eighth inning pitcher Steve Krug walked and Stan Mitch singled him to second. Then Adie Jalen, veteran of many an "AA" campaign laid down a beautiful bunt but was nailed at first by a step to make it two out. Wally Lesko then stepped up to the plate and really belted a hard drive safely to centerfield, driving in Krug from third base with the winning marker.

Steve Krug allowed only 3 hits tonight while nimble-footed Jim McCormick caught his slants expertly.

Saturday, July 1, at Youngstown

Elsewhere on these pages will be found the results of this double header. Our thanks go to the entire Youngstown contingent for putting on a fine double header, and for the excellent food prepared by the ole master chef Jim Irwin and his staff. There was a general feeling that here were two outfits having a grand ole E. O. G. time. Max Preston, manager of the Youngstown softball squad, really has a nice bunch of boys. They are alert, aggressive, and hard fighters—all of them. We will be seeing them in a return game at Elks Field come Saturday, August 19.

Wednesday, July 5, at Shaw Field

Gabriel Co.—1
East Ohio Gas Co.—0

A walk, a sacrifice and a dropped fly ball by centerfielder Wally Lesko in the first inning was all the action in this game.

Steve Krug pitched a neat one-hitter, but this was not quite good enough. East Ohio could not solve the slants of Hank Godnik, getting only 3 hits, 2 singles by Manager Vince Dudas, and a lusty three bagger by centerfielder Wally Lesko which came after two were out in the first inning.

Friday, July 7, at Elks Field

East Ohio Gas Co.—6
MacKeigans Service—0

With Steve Krug allowing only one dinky hit in the third inning, East Ohio's sluggers found the pitching slants of Bob Jonap and Don Marchbanks to their liking.

Jimmy McCormick, battery mate of Steve Krug, got 3 hits in 3 tries, while Wally Lesko and Whitey Eagan each garnered two hits apiece to pace the East Ohio hitting attack.

Sunday, July 9, at Garfield Memorial Stadium

East Ohio Gas Co.—6
General Teamsters—1

After winning 8 straight in the Inter-Park League, the General Teamsters were humbled for the first time by a fireball star Steve Krug. Krug yielded but three widely scattered hits; in fact, he had a one-hitter going into the last of the seventh when the Teamsters put together a triple and a single for their lone tally.

A terrific line smash to deep right center by East Ohio's leading hitsmith Wally Lesko, in the 4th inning with the bases loaded, was the man-sized blow of the evening. This would have been a sure fire four bagger, but Wally sprained his ankle slightly rounding second at top speed. After a brief time out Wally continued to play, although his ankle was badly swollen. What a fighter that kid is!

Steve Krug twirled his usual tight game, nonchalantly pitching air tight ball and having perfect control all the way.

Tuesday, July 11, at Clague Park

East Ohio Gas Co.—5
J. Schrader Co.—3

Coming back in a fighting rage in the top half of the third inning with three big runs to tie the score, the East Ohio boys then rambled for 2 more in the sixth to win the first game from the J. Schrader Co. "Metal Spinners."

Here's how it all happened:

Adie Jalen, slugging first sacker from out George Binder's No. 2 Works layout, belted a long home run in the third inning with Steve Krug and Elmer Reiman on the bases. Not to be outdone Billy Lewis, shortstop, parked one high and far, deep in left center with Elmer Reiman again on the base paths.

Meanwhile Steve Krug was pitching his usual top brand of ball, fogging them in when necessary to hold the J. Schraders in check.

This win put the East Ohio lads in second place in the Inter-Park League standings behind the league-leading Garfield General Teamsters.

East Ohio's faithful rooters who can be seen at all the ball games. Evidently East Ohio's nine is doing all right here judging from the expressions in evidence.

P.S. East Ohio Gas Co. edged J. Schrader Co. 5 to 3 at Clague Park, on July 11.

A composite picture of the Radio All Stars and the Lakewood Umpires All Stars—taken at Harding Stadium July 15.

Manager Vince Dudas determined and set to hit against the J. Schrader Co. at Harding Stadium. Catcher is Robishaw, and Umpire Krejci is set to call the pitch.

Saturday, July 15, at Harding Stadium

J. Schrader Co.—7
East Ohio Gas Co.—2

In response to Lakewood's Umpire-in-Chief Andy Mikula, the exhibition game was played before a full house at Harding Stadium.

All proceeds collected tonight, which, incidentally, was Umpires night, were turned over to the Lakewood Recreation Commissioner Charles Foster to help provide baseballs for Lakewood's own Class D sandlotters.

To all concerned, Umpire and Chairman of this event Andy Mikula wishes to convey his sincerest gratitude and thanks for the fine support accorded him and his hard-working umpire cohorts.

An added attraction was a game played by the Umpires against a team of Radio All Stars, headed by Bob Neal of WERE, Tom Manning of WTAM, and Gail Egan popular video sports caster at WXEL.

A team of four comedians was headed by Jess Perry, Frank Florian, Ray Sippola and Jim Bodecker. These boys did a wonderful job of umpiring the three innings they worked during the All Star game. They even bounced a few umpires right out of the game in their own inimitable clowning style.

Yes, indeed, this is a feather in your cap Lakewood Umpires. It's nice to know

Stan Mitch, East Ohio third baseman, about to start his slide safely at Clague Park in Westlake, Ohio against J. Schrader Co. Umpire Andy Mikula ready to call the play and Robishaw, the catcher, intent on receiving the throw from the outfield.

A portion of the throng at the Lakewood Umpires' night at Harding Stadium, July 15. Umpires beat the Radio League All Stars 4-3, while J. Schrader beat East Ohio Gas Co. 7-2.

you think of the up-and-coming kids; who knows it may be yours, yours and yours on the road to big league baseball fame some day.

It is a distinct and rare privilege for us to help on any sports program and the team appreciates the spirit Lakewood exemplifies.

Friday, July 18, at Elks Field

East Ohio Gas Co.—3
MacKeigans Service—0

Swinging back into regular league action play tonight, Steve Krug pitched another brilliant one-hit job. In the process Steve also struck out eleven men to really have for himself a great night and concluded his evening's chores by hitting the ball out of the park in the fifth inning for a healthy home run.

Stan Mitch, third baseman, also smashed a home run in the second inning to start the E. O. G. scoring, while Wally Lesko connected for a smartly run triple, with Elmer Reiman and Billy Lewis each getting healthy doubles.

This victory still kept East Ohio in second position in the Inter-Park League race with two games left to go in the percentage round.

Friday, July 21, at Elks Field

East Ohio Gas Co.—11
St. Adelbert's (Berea)—0

Seeking to clinch second place in the Inter-Park League standing, the Gas House nine had an easy time tonight. With Steve Krug pitching another brilliant one-hitter, the boys hit hard and often to wrap up this easy decision.

Adie Jalen, slugging first sacker from the No. 2 Works Street Department, belted three straight hits before being given a rest by Manager Dudas in the 4th inning. Elmer Reiman coaxed three walks in a row, scoring each time after walking.

All told the Gas Company nine erupted for eleven hits and scored three runs in each of the first three innings.

Sunday, July 23, at Elks Field

East Ohio Gas Co.—1
MacKeigans Service—0

In a rain abbreviated contest held to five innings, it was all pitcher Bob Jonap of our side. Bob, originally the hard luck pitcher for MacKeigans, was signed by Manager Dudas just 10 days ago as pitching insurance. All Bob did was to give his erstwhile ex-teammates two hits, while he himself singled, leading off in the bottom of the third and ultimately scored the winning one run. Jonap granted but two hits in his five-inning tenure.

This contest was a Lakewood Amateur Day exhibition game at Elks Field, at 4:30 p. m.

Sunday, July 23, at Abbeyville, Ohio (9 P. M.)

Abbeyville All Stars—1
East Ohio Gas Co.—0

Yow! What a game. What a game! In a game that everyone will long remember and I don't mean maybe, this really and truly was a spine-tingler. Steve Krug twirled his usual masterpiece, another one hit job, but, woe for him that one hit was a hard line smash to left center that took one crazy skid clean over Elmer Reiman's head like a bullet for a home run. Tough luck, Steve, but you are bound to lose one here and there. Ironically enough it was Pitcher Sprankle who hit that long ball. He also busted that ball into the plate like a cannon shot to hold the hard-hitting East Ohioans to two hits.

In as daring a play as one will ever witness and, one that had been planned for some time, it just missed by an eyelash being perfect. Here's what it was:

In the first inning Elmer Reiman leading off dragged a perfect bunt down the first base line for a hit, advancing to second on a perfect sacrifice bunt by the sharp eye veteran Adie Jalen. At this point East Ohio's leading slugger, youthful Wally Lesko, centerfielder who currently is hitting a very respectable .450, stepped up and belted a long high drive to left center on which left fielder Riech made a nice running catch. Now here was the play: Elmer Reiman tagged up on second and streaked around third under Manager Dudas' orders, only to be nipped at the plate on a perfect relay from the outfield. Whew! That really was close and it showed that the East Ohio boys are ready to gamble at all costs. How many times have you seen a play like that?

In East Ohio's turn in the top of the seventh, Billy Lewis leading off singled to left, third baseman Stan Mitch, again under orders to cross 'em up, drew a walk. Up came Pat Gagliardi, husky 190 pound right fielder. Everyone expected a bunt but Manager Dudas flashed the hit away sign and Pat obliged by flying deep to centerfield, advancing both men to second and third respectively. However, this was the stopping point as Donnie Fennell struck out and Jimmy McCormick lined out to left field for the final out.

Friday, July 28, at Elks Field

East Ohio Gas Company—7
Berea St. Adelbert's—1

East Ohio wound up the percentage round of the Inter-Park league firmly entrenched in second place with a rousing, smashing win over the hapless Berea nine.

Steve Krug, ace moundsman of the Gas House nine, pitched a neat 3-hitter and struck out ten men. However, the glory should be rightfully shared with home run hitting Wally Lesko, who tonight belted another one to keep his sensational batting average around the .475 mark for the season. Wally got 3 for 4 while Billy Lewis, shortstop, blasted 3 for 4, two doubles and a single; Don Fennell belted 3 for 4, two singles and a double, and Adie Jalen, hard-hitting first baseman from the Street Dept., got a single and a double in three trips.

Now, the percentage champion Garfield General Teamsters and the second place East Ohioans will stand idle drawing byes in the first round of the two and out eliminations beginning on August 7.

Can the brilliant Steve Krug and his hard-hitting teammates keep up the furious pace? Well, we'll wait and see.

Sunday, July 30, at Garfield Memorial Stadium

Cleveland Metropolitan Tournament

East Ohio Gas Co.—1
Stashs' Bar—0

Whew! This was a close one. It was East Ohio's ace Steve Krug winning a tough one from Stan Hybel, the 1949 East Ohio mound ace. Stan allowed the highly flying Gas House nine but two measly hits, both by fleet-footed meter reader and outfield ace Elmer Reiman.

Incidentally, Elmer Reiman was the hero of the night as he threw a perfect relayed strike to catcher Jim McCormick in the 4th inning on an attempted inside the park homer by center fielder T. Wallen. Again in the sixth inning, with two men on and two out Elmer made a sensational running gloved one handed catch against the Garfield right field screen.

Need I tell you that in the first inning, after Manager Vince Dudas was called out on strikes on a 3 to 2 count, Elmer singled to center and, when the centerfielder bobbled the ball for an error, Elmer streaked for second safely. The centerfielder T. Wallen then drew another error when he threw wildly to second and Elmer reached third. Wally Lesko then hit a sharp ground ball to second base on which Elmer Reiman crossed the plate for the game's lone tally.

"Sunny" Kestranek, shortstop for Stashs' Bar, also pulled a fielding gem in the fourth inning when he scooped up a grounder at second, stepped on second forcing Reiman and his throw at first doubled Billy Lewis.

GOLF NOTES

In the Cleveland Industrial Golf League match play championship opening round at Grantwood, Saturday, August 5, Slamming Willie Toth of Heights Shop shot a three over par 74 to win an easy opening round from Jim Snider 6 to 5 in the Class A bracket.

Norm Case from out No. 2 Works way in the same bracket won a hard fought 1 up battle from C. Krakora with an 81.

In Class B, Dave Percio, long ball hitting foreman from out No. 2 Works way, edged B. Wolfcomer 1 up in another ding dong battle.

G. Jacobson smothered Mike Ridill of our side 7 to 5, and A. Sray eliminated our own Captain Gene "Pappy" Jalas 2 to 1. Joe Ziccardi, the 1949 Class B runnerup, had a seemingly off day as he was soundly trounced 5 up with 3 to go.

In Class C, Johnny McNamara, of John Carson's Engineering Department, showed surprisingly well by winning 4 to 3, while Eddie Carlin, of Al Thurston's Industrial group, edged J. Zambetti 1 up.

So far so good. We will watch the scores roll in come Saturday, August 12, and hope that East Ohio Gas Company will be on top.

On Sunday, July 30, in the Italian-American City Wide Open Championship at the tough Seneca B course, Joe Ziccardi for the second successive year in a row won a handsome trophy for finishing in the runnerup position with a score of 86. Joe tells your sports editor that he tried too hard on the 17th green and was pressing too much on the 18th, but all in all this was nice going. Congratulations to you, Joe Ziccardi.

Congratulations to you Clevelanders. On July 29, Saturday, a foursome challenge match between Warren's Leslie Monos, Richard Howells, Louis Gallo and John Hrusovsky against the Clevelanders led by Gene Jalas, Mike Ridill, Joe Ziccardi and Kenny Knight, was played at Seneca.

The outcome was as follows:

Mike Ridill won 3 to 1, shooting a 90 against Leslie Monos' 99. Gene Jalas won 4 to 0, blasting an 89 against Richard Howells, who fogged an even 100. Joe Ziccardi lost 2 to 1 to John Hrusovsky, with Ted shooting a 95 to Ziccardi's 96. Kenny Knight was beaten 3 to 1 by Louis Gallo who shot an 87 to Kenny's 90. Final tabulations showed the home golfers from Cleveland with 9 points and the Warren invaders with 6 points.

This will be a home and home affair with the Cleveland foursome invading the Warren course sometime in late August.

Golfers, we'll be seeing you next month.

GOLF *is the Game* . . . . . .

Instruction No. 4
The Approach Shot and Putting

By Jerry McDonald

Many a golfer gets a great deal of satisfaction from hitting a long tee shot, or even a long second from the fairway, but the one who enjoys scoring in the low eighties, or even in the seventies, will spend much time in practicing approach shots to the green. Take, for example, the top professionals in this great game, who depend for their living on the winnings of various tournaments over the country. They practice the approach shot constantly for they know that it is this important shot which really pays off.

How will one shot pay off? Let me give an example of what I mean. A top professional playing in a money tournament will most likely play 4 par 5 holes in each 18. Suppose he were to hit a tee shot and a long second which would keep him 75-100 yards from the green. If he can control the third, which is his approach to the green, and can place the ball close enough for a sure one putt, he has a birdie and, in most cases, will be under par. This, of course, pertains to not only the top professional, but the approach is a shot which should be practiced by all golfers who like to have a lower score.

The Approach

The approach shot is probably the most spectacular one in Golf. There is no other shot which gives me more satisfaction than to hit a No. 6-7-8 iron high into the air and then see its backspin drop the ball, with no roll, close to the pin. How is this accomplished? Why do so many golfers have so much difficulty in making the ball stay on the green, even when they are only say 30 feet in front of the green as they hit that approach shot?

To answer the latter question first, it would be easy to say that most golfers play this shot with the wrong club, or the wrist works overtime, but I believe that it is because they have not been taught how to play this shot. Most golfers, because they have never been taught the proper way to hit this particular shot, make the wrist work overtime and, hence, "break" their wrist immediately on the backswing, as shown in Illustration "A".

The approach is one shot in which little or no pivot is used and the club is brought back with firm wrists and arms. The club at the point of backswing should be held firm, without any break in the wrist, as shown in Illustration "B".

Next is the impact of the club to the ball at the bottom of the downswing. The wrists are still firm, the head of the club goes "through" the ball, taking the top blades of the grass with it; the head of the club follows the ball and is pointed directly toward the pin, as shown in Illustration "C".

This is my idea of hitting a correct approach shot and is known in golf circles as a "pitch and a drag." The approach shot is so called because of the action of the ball when hit this way. The clubhead has gone underneath the ball and the ball is spinning toward the golfer as it leaves the blade of the club. Then as it hits the green it reverses itself and the drag takes place, slowing the ball right down.

How many times have you hit an approach shot to the green with too much wrist? Hitting with too much wrist will determine a great deal just how the clubhead meets the ball. The spin of the ball in this case is away from the player, and as soon as it hits the green you are reminded of a rabbit, because you will find that the ball has gone over the green —and at least one more stroke is foolishly added to your score.

Try playing your approach shot with no wrist movement and with little or no pivot. See if your results are not better and your score a little lower.

Pitch and Run

The one using the wrist is known as a "pitch and run" shot and is employed only when greens are hard and baked out and an approach shot would not stay on them. In this case, and only then,

would you use a pitch and run shot. However, you will find very few greens dried out because they are usually watered every night and they are, therefore, soft and will hold good, firm approach shots.

Putting

If you have been successful in hitting a good approach shot to the green, a one putt is always very helpful to your score. This is one part of the game which I am reluctant to discuss because I feel that anyone who putts as poorly as this writer should not be trying to teach people how to putt. But let's take a look at this important phase of Golf. Putting is one part of the game that the player should and can more easily round into shape himself. We see many different stances by golfers, when they get on the green, which are completely different than when playing the rest of their game. How many different style putters do we find on the market today? There are many for your selection. However, the putter will do only one thing for you. Maybe you will find one you like and it will give you more confidence, but unless you stroke the putter properly it will not make the ball go in the hole. Believe me, I know.

After a golfer has learned the proper way in which to stroke the ball, which he learns by practice, there are three things to remember—

1. **Relax—**
   Relax and try to stroke the ball smoothly.
2. **Have confidence—**
   If a golfer is worried about his grip, or stance, or he is not quite sure that he has judged the roll correctly, he will not have confidence and, of course, will not be relaxed.
3. **Concentrate—**
   Concentrate and have only one thing in mind; namely, that you are going to drop that putt. Always look the area over and determine the line in which you should putt; and watch particularly the slope of the green. Many one-putt greens will lower your score and that is why I think that the approach and the putt are the two most important shots in lowering any golfer's score.

Please do not hesitate to send in to the editor any questions which you might like to have answered and I will cover them in our magazine. My next instruction will be entitled, "How to Correct a Hook or Slice." I know that many golfers in our Company would like to know the answer to this perplexing problem.

(Illustration "A") This illustrates breaking the wrist too soon on the backswing. It can be avoided by bringing both hands back firmly, which will give height to the ball when hit.

(Illustration "B") It will be noted here that both hands are bringing the club back in a firm position, creating a crisp pitch shot with little run to the ball.

(Illustration "C") This shows the hands still in a firm position after the club has contacted the ball, illustrating the follow through with the head of the club pointed toward the pin.

News Around Our System

AKRON

By Marie O'Hara

We were pleasantly surprised recently when annuitant "Bill" Strauss paid us a visit. Bill has been living with his son in Des Moines, Iowa, for the past winter. However, he much prefers the sunny South and hopes to be there next winter. While he was visiting with us, annuitant Ed Saeger walked in and there was quite a reunion.

Ed expects to make a trip back to Saegertown, Pennsylvania, this summer. Ed, as you know, is 89 years old, but he is still very active and, as he says, pays a visit to the gas company every 30 days. The reason? Well, that's your guess! He lives at 143 Hall Street, in Akron, and would be glad to visit with any of the gas men who might be in his neighborhood.

Retirement is certainly agreeing with "Bill," but says he has so many places to go and friends to see when he makes a flying trip to Akron that he's about worn out and is glad to get back and rest up. He wanted to be remembered to all his buddies as he was sure he wouldn't have time to see them all.

That little "doughty" chap, Dan Cupid, is having a busy time in the Akron office. Lela Martz is his latest victim. Lela surprised us all when she came in wearing a diamond on that certain finger.

"Marge" Summers, who greets our customers and takes their money with a smile, spent a week end in Warren, Ohio, recently. She was invited to a party with her host and hostess and you can imagine her surprise to find Mr. and Mrs. Jack Henry. Marge and Jack had fun reminiscing over the times when Jack was working in Akron.

Mr. and Mrs. Wagner are back from England and report having a most enjoyable time. However, they evidently brought snow to England; it was snowing hard when they left New York, and a day or two after their arrival England had its first snow of the season. They went over on the Coronia and returned on the Queen Mary. They had a really rough trip over, but apparently both Mr. and Mrs. Wagner are good sailors because rough seas did not spoil their trip. However, they were repaid on the return trip. Mr. Wagner said that the old ocean was as calm as Lake Erie when it behaves. They saw a school of whales on their return trip, but that was one of the few times Mr. Wagner did not have his camera. Usually it's the fish that gets away—this time it was the whale. They enjoyed visiting in England. Mr. Wagner said that he even became accustomed to driving on the left side of the street, when they could get the gasoline, or should I say "petrol," to go motoring. They waited until he left England before lifting the ban on gasoline.

Ralph Nelson paid us a flying visit from his farm down in Frankford, W. Va. We do mean a "flying" visit as he came in a private plane, owned by a friend of his, and was in the air about two hours, in Akron about four, and back to Frankford, all in the same day. Ralph is now an annuitant, having retired on account of ill health, on May 12. He will be glad to see any of his friends who happen to be near Frankford, W. Va., at any time.

"Millie" Pavlov, another teller, who also takes our customers' money with a smile, has just returned from a trip to Canada where she motored with friends. Millie had a wonderful time, liked the Frenchmen in Montreal and Quebec, but she still prefers the American men, without mustaches. She had to leave her party in Portland, Maine, went to New York by rail, and was so tired that she decided to fly back to Akron, (in 2½ hours) and enjoyed every minute of the trip.

Just heard from Leon Hensel, who is working for Uncle Sam at Camp Atterbury. He said that it's hotter than blazes, his feet feel like they were pounded with sledge hammers, but he is having a wonderful time. "Chuck" Stealey, Billie Yeager and John Ancona are also at the place but, so far, we have no word as to how they are bearing up under Army supervision.

Walter Kosman has taken his family to Camp Linwood, on Lake Erie, for vacation. He expects to teach his young daughter to be an expert swimmer, if she doesn't outdo her daddy in the attempt.

Clyde Rockwell is spending his vacation in Canada, fishing. We do hope he makes a good catch this year, because on his trip last year, he didn't get to Canada. He had to stop at Rochester, Minn., where he was hospitalized for several weeks, even after his vacation time had expired, so we're hoping "Rocky" will have wonderful luck fishing this year.

Jimmie Bittner couldn't decide for some time whether to go fishing or roaming around the Great Smokies, and the Great Smokies won. He had a wonderful time, hiking over all the trails, visiting the Indian Village, and doing all the things one does in the Smokies, particularly enjoying the rhododendrons and the mountain laurel at the time of year when the Smokies put on a spectacular show. Jimmie said he enjoyed every minute spent there.

L. Cox and Mrs. Cox took a trip down the Skyline Drive, Blue Ridge Highway, and also into the Smokies where they met Jimmie Bittner enjoying the scenery. All had a wonderful time and think the beauty of the Smokies at this time of year is unsurpassed.

Old "Doc" Stork isn't bringing any gas men on this trip. However, he did bring girls to the Thomas Sax family, the Charles Bryans, and the Ovlen Cogar family. Maybe when these girls grow up we may have feminine meter setters, readers and baseball players.

Our sympathy is extended to Paul Burkett, on the death of his mother, who had been ill for a long period of time, and to Ruth Ballway, and Charles Stealey, respectively, whose grandmothers passed away recently.

Joseph Redon returned from a Navy cruise in Florida waters, spending two weeks on the ocean. He looks very fit with a Florida tan and reports having a really enjoyable time.

Tom Murphy of the Meter Reading Department is in the hospital for a nasal operation, and Crown Ault, House Heating, is also in the hospital recuperating from what was thought to be a heart attack, or possible heat prostration.

Johnnie Zuelsdorf, inspector, is on vacation, and is inspecting the big fish we'll no doubt hear about when he returns. Johnnie is very secretive about the place where he is spending his vacation, but it is supposed to be a fisherman's paradise and it will no doubt be a hectic time for

the fish when Johnnie gets there with his rod and reel.

Just learned that Jack Hahn and John Stanley are also at Camp Atterbury, but we have had no news as to how Uncle Sam is treating them; whether they have blisters on their feet, or perhaps, after a day's work in the Army, they are too exhausted to even drop a line to their buddies at the Akron shop.

PROPERTY RECORDS DEPT.

By Russ Thompson

So far this year in the Property Records Department eight employees have gained new tax exemptions. They are: Carl Cergol, whose son was born on February 25; Al Lucci's little girl was born April 14; Jack Polgar's small son, on April 22, weight 4 lbs. 10 oz.; Ray (Red) Blieler, a little red-headed boy, on May 24; Harold Wysel's second one is a girl, born on May 26, and Yours Truly welcomed the arrival of a little girl born on Decoration Day, May 30; Bob Miller was overjoyed when the stork delivered a 5 lb. 9 oz. baby boy, on June 10; Ralph Glatz's third one is a little girl, born June 13. Congratulations, one and all.

Leo Heindl and family enjoyed a week of his vacation up at Lazy Acres in Freemont, Michigan. Leo claims they had a wonderful time fishing, boating, swimming, dancing, etc.

We welcome back Dick Senn to the E. O. G., who is working in Property Records during his summer vacation from Ohio University. Best of luck with your studies, Dick.

Alex (Sandy) Sanderson spent his vacation at home this year. Sandy intended getting at a lot of work around the house that he had put off. It seems he still has the work to do as his two children, Allan and Sandra, kept him pretty busy going on picnics, swimming, etc. Sandy says it was worth it, though.

WOOSTER

By Charles Ewing

Frank Sapp and family are enjoying their vacation in Northern Michigan. One of Frank's Navy buddies invited them up for a week at their cottage. Frank says all he is going to do is fish and rest.

Glenn Honeberger is taking a week of his vacation. His big job is to put a new roof on his barn. We sure hope that Glenn does not fall off the roof.

Norma Beal, our office secretary, is going to be married in the near future and will be leaving us soon. We regret her leaving and hope that she will be very happy.

Margaret Lucas will be our new secretary. She comes highly recommended and we hope that she will like her new position.

BARBERTON

By C. W. Blough

Vacation is still the most popular topic of conversation around the Barberton office.

Mr. C. E. Warner, Agent, is taking a two-week rest. He and Mrs. Warner spent one week at Cook Forest Park, in Pennsylvania, and the second week just relaxing at home.

Mel Gear returned from his southern trip wearing a big smile and a nice coat of tan. His vacation was a complete success, but it might have turned out differently. It seems that while he and his companion were bathing in the ocean off the coast of Florida, they heard cries for help. Immediately they went to the rescue of two fair damsels who had gone out too far and were caught in the undertow. The gals were rescued in due time but the rescuers found themselves caught in the same undertow. Their cries for help produced only stares from those on shore. After quite a struggle they finally reached shore and, as Mel said, he certainly had no desire for bathing for a couple of days.

George Ziga, our foreman, and Mike Kuzmik spent their vacations around home. Mike said that he was tired of loafing around and glad to be back on the job.

Leroy Brummert and his family spent their vacation with relatives in Pennsylvania.

Sam Reynolds and family spent a week on Lake Erie.

Chet Kaiser, in company with five other fellows, went to Peelee Island, Canada, for a week-end fishing trip. Their efforts produced sixteen walleyes, in addition to a very good time.

Louise Haushalter is really showing some speed on the new typewriter recently received.

Robert Cornell left the Engineering Department to learn the carpenter trade under the tutorship of his father. Good luck, Bob!

We wish a hearty welcome to Richard Glunt, who recently joined our forces.

THIRD FLOOR PARTY FOR JULY FOURTH BRIDE

Ten third floor girls had a dinner party for Violet Grant (Mimeograph), at the Alpine Village, on June 27, prior to her marriage on July 4 when Violet became the bride of James Dottore.

Seated around the table (clockwise) are: Stella Savako, Dorothy Albert, Ethel Cigleda, Mary Geczi, Margie Manville, Violet Grant, Mary Lou Friel, Rita Rayzakter, Ann Feuerstein, Mary Franklin, and Marjorie Miller.

GENERAL FINANCIAL

By Betty Davis

Arlene Gallagher, now Mrs. Ernest Bluensten, left us to be married on July 29 at the Medina Church of Christ. The ceremony was performed at 7:30 p. m., and was followed by a candlelight reception at the home of the bride. Detroit, Michigan, was chosen for their honeymoon and Mr. and Mrs. Bluensten will reside in Cleveland. The best of luck to you from all of us.

At her desk fifteen minutes before the end of her last East Ohio day, Arlene Gallagher admires her gift and peruses the card which accompanied it and her corsage.

MASSILLON

By Wm. G. Bruce
(Pinch-hitting for Dorothy Marthey)

How It Feels to Write East Ohio NEWS News

Seems like everyone here has just returned from or is on vacation, including our regular correspondent, Dorothy Marthey. So, the boss says to me, "Write something for The East Ohio NEWS." I say, "OK." Must have mumbled it because he took two steps away, turned and said, "What did you say?" I repeat "OK." So I go home seeking advice from the little woman and she says, "What happened?" (to write about) and I say, "Nothing." She says, "That's bad."

So I come to work and ask the gang and they know no news. I ask Harry Grafton for Shop News and he says, "None." This keeps the percentage of news between Shop and Office about right. Twice as many Shop employees, two times nothing (Office news) equals . . . nothing.

NEW BUSINESS—CLEVELAND

By Jerry McDonald and Ann Fallon

(Note: How many of the following notes were written by Jerry, and which ones were Ann's? This is a real collaborative effort.)

Irene Pickering, of the Home Service Department, is leaving our Company to be married to Eugene L. Naegele on August 22, in Faith Lutheran Church, Lakewood, at 7:30 p. m. They will honeymoon in Michigan. We shall miss Irene, and we wish her all the luck in the world. Irene and Eugene will live in Sewanee, Tenn., where Eugene is an instructor at Sewanee Military Academy.

Jeanne Loran was married to Richard D. Conway in Our Lady of Peace Church, on July 29. Everyone said that Jeanne was a beautiful bride. Of coure, we all knew that she would be. The couple are honeymooning in Bermuda. Good luck, Jeanne and Bud!

Dorothy Dean spent her vacation at Ocean City Beach, in New Jersey. She had "a terrific time."

Shirley Vargo vacationed in Indiana at Potawatami. Have you ever seen a more beautiful tan in your life? It sure looks good on you, Shirl. Too bad you can't keep it. Shirley can hardly wait until Labor Day because she is going back up there for the week-end.

Jerry McDonald is vacationing at Virginia Beach. Sounds good, doesn't it?

Ann Fallon, the little lovely of the House Heating Department, is engaged to Don Patton. Ann has a beautiful ring. The wedding will be this fall. The best to you, Ann and Don.

Jane Schleicher, Home Service Director, left our Company on July 28 to finish the preparations for her wedding, on August 19. We are all going to miss Jane here. She did a wonderful job as Home Service Director.

The girls of her Department had a farewell dinner for Jane at Gruber's, on July 31, and they had a grand time.

Dorothy Dean, who had been Jane's assistant, is now our Home Service Director. We all know that Dorothy will do a splendid job of carrying on the duties of the department. Good luck Jane, and Dorothy!

Mary Ann Bowden and Ann Kelch are training for the Youngstown Home Service Department where they will be working under Betty Belle Yeager, formerly a member of Cleveland's Home Service Department. Good luck, Mary Ann and Ann.

Rosemary Schrader, Virginia Thomas, Marianne Bowden, Ann Kelch, Norma Clough, Marie Sherwood and Fae Roth are the new members of the Home Service Department. Good luck, girls! We hope that your stay with us will be pleasant.

Rita Rayzakter of the New Business Dept., and Ann Feuerstein of the Thrift Dept., spent a week at the Resort Alpine Village, at Lake George, in the Adirondacks. Swimming . . . Dancing . . . Canoeing . . . and basking in the sun all day. What a wonderful life! "For a place that's tops for entertainment, visit Lake George," says Rita.

CLEVELAND COMMERCIAL

By Dudley A. Cole

On August 12, Evelyn Golke, of the Customer Accounting Department, became the bride of Raymond Scibbe. It was a garden wedding at 6360 Columbia Road, Olmsted Falls.

During July, a number of new employees were added to the Addressograph Department. Among them were Helen Brandt, Catherine Vergone, Loretta Lavelle, Jeanne Gallagher, Louise Shepard and Barbara Furlong.

Anne Asbeck, of the Phone Room, vacationed at Quantico, West Virginia, visiting her sister.

Brand new engagement rings are worn by Shirley Smith, of Customer Files, and Betty Scott of the Phone Room.

September 30 has been announced as the wedding date for Arabella Gardner, of Customer Files, and Tony DeMichele, of Customer Accounting.

Shirley Gill, of the Credit Department, "surely" enjoyed a most interesting vacation. He and Mrs. Gill traveled west to Seattle, Washington, viewing en route the beauty of Yellowstone National Park, Glacier National Park, and many other scenic wonders.

Doreas Plunkett, of Customer Files, left the employ of E. O. G. on July 21 for a short vacation before attending Art School.

New to the Customer Accounting Department is Frank Lacik, as is Edward Murray in Customer Files.

C. W. Tobey, Credit Department, vacationed in the Green Mountains of Vermont. He was particularly taken with the swimming in a clear, spring-fed lake. Following a custom of long standing, he remembered his co-workers with maple sugar candy.

We regret that the No. 2 Works, Canton, Kent-Ravenna Division, Youngstown, and Heights Shop correspondence has to be held until September.

SERVICE AWARDS

30 - Year

George P. Binder.....Cleve. Operating
Esther G. Maze.....Cleve. Commercial
Harry T. Morgan.....Cleve. Operating

20 - Year

Valena Brighton.....New Business
Marian R. McKeehen....Cleve. Commercial
John F. Moore.....Youngstown
John E. Schmidt.....Cleve. Operating

10 - Year

Thomas Ash.....Cleve. Operating
Charles E. Campbell.....Engineering
George Mickens.....Cleve. Operating
Carl B. Nolte.....Kent
Charles L. Scott.....Cleve. Operating

In Memoriam

On August 4, Harry C. Gehres, an annuitant of our Company since November 1, 1940, passed away. He had a service credit of 28 years at the time of his retirement.

Mr. Gehres is survived by one son.

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Also on August 4, Daniel L. Ball, employed as a Customer Serviceman in the Akron Division, died. Mr. Ball had been an East Ohioan for twenty-two years.

His wife and an adult daughter and a minor son are the survivors.

THE EAST OHIO GAS COMPANY

CLEVELAND, OHIO

From the Office of The President:

This is to announce that The East Ohio Gas Company expects to adopt a military service policy practically identical to the policy in effect during World War II. The effective date will probably be July 1, 1950. The details will be announced as soon as possible.

Pending formal announcement, employees entering military service may assume that they will receive the same protection of status, as well as the same benefits relative to family protection, as was the case during World War II. In addition, group insurance may be continued for three months on payment of premiums in advance.

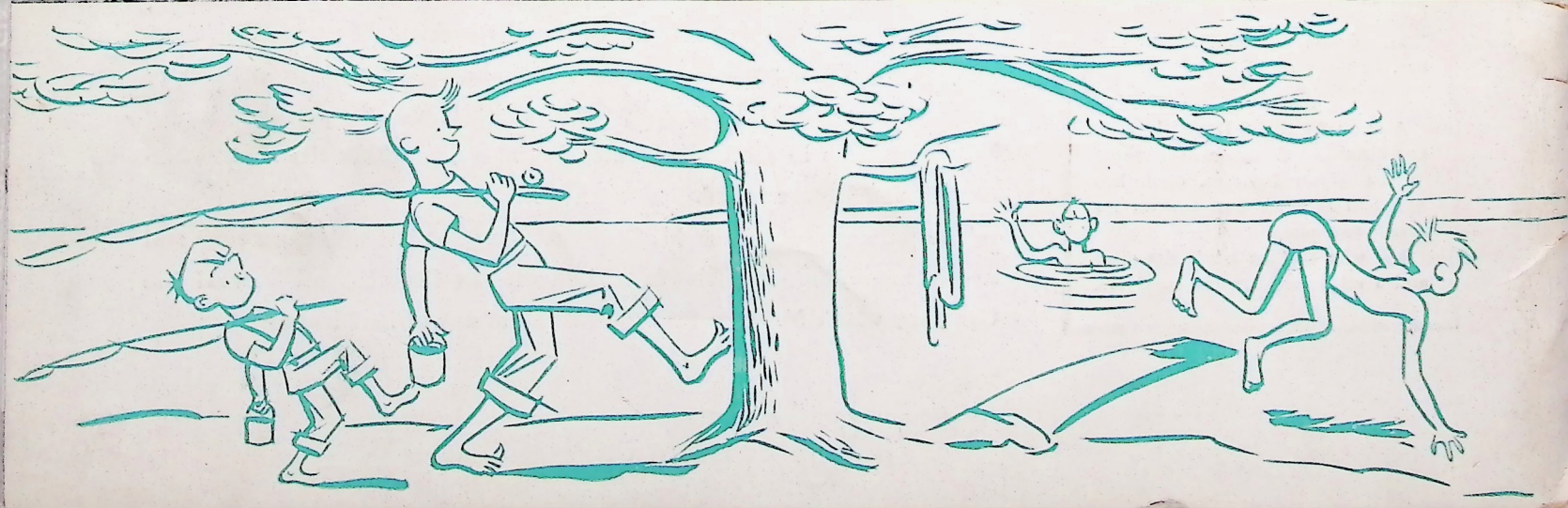
J. Francis Robinson.

President

CONSOLIDATED LOSES A DIRECTOR

Mr. John M. Crawford, a Director of the Consolidated Natural Gas Company, passed away on July 20, at Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Mr. Crawford was the founder of the Parkersburg Rig and Reel Company more than fifty years ago. From a small beginning with its first factory in Parkersburg, in 1897, the company of which he was the president is now known not only in the United States, but also throughout the world wherever oil and gas are found.

The passing of Mr. John M. Crawford is a great loss to his company and associates, relatives and friends, and also to the Consolidated Natural Gas Company which Mr. Crawford served well as one of its Directors.

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